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TIENTSIN EXODUS

Tientsin, January 9.
A mass exodus from the North and West of Tientsin is in progress. The scene is reminiscent of the Japanese invasion days of 1937, and of the disastrous floods in 1939, when the population was forced to flee.

Endless streams of men, women and children on board all manner of primitive conveyances pouring into the centre of the city as Nationalist reinforcements moving closer to the front lines along the perimeter, bring them safety in the people's humble abodes.

The bright sunshine and the lesser intensity of the conningding fanned more people to venture outdoors today than yesterday when the streets were virtually deserted.

Many were obliged to leave their homes for water or food. However, all premises were tightly shuttered up and barricaded and only a special type of knock on the bolted door or a password could gain an admittance.

Women with bound feet struggled beneath the weight of their bundled worldly possessions amidst the stream of the inflowing population. —Reuter.

War Weary Week

New York, January 8.

The oil-rich Middle East crowded China and Indonesia for top place in world anxiety last week.

Britain came perilously close to a shooting war with Israel, Chiang Kai-shek's regime, and the United States, amid flurries of peace talk, rumors and increased Communist attacks.

The mounting protest in Asia and the Pacific against Dutch police action in Indonesia touched off new repercussions in the United Nations.

The week began with British and American warnings against Israeli raids across the frontier of Egypt. It ended with the British recently accusing Israel's Air Force of shooting down five British patrol planes over Egypt.

First action among diplomats was that Britain would stop short of war in her reaction to "unprovoked" attacks on the Royal Air Force. She protested formally to Israeli representatives at Lake Success. That suggested peaceful action through the United Nations. But she also gave her fiercest permission to fight back in future.

Resumption of fighting inside Palestine was no longer the big menace to peace in the Middle East. What worries statesmen now is a threatened extension of the conflict into surrounding areas in which British interests are vital and which she is determined to protect. British reaction to the Air Force shooting incident sharply highlighted that threat.

Swallowed Up

In China, the government's peace gestures were swallowed up in the Red assault on Tientsin and Peking. Field dispatches said the Communists had opened attacks along the Hwai river line—the first attacks since last month on these thinly held government defenses north of Chiang Kai-shek's capital at Nanking. These attacks were coupled with heavy assaults on the encircled Suchow garrison. Meanwhile the other nations of the Orient were preparing for conferences to deal with the Dutch "police action" in Indonesia. India called the conferences and said today that she had received acceptances from several nations. —Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0800 GMT (2 p.m. HKAT) the anticyclone which covers China and the neighbouring seas is weakening. A trough of relatively low pressure extending from the Kuriles to the Bonins is moving slowly Eastwards.

Today's Forecast: Moderate NE or variable winds, fair, continuing cold dry.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 44.8 deg. F. Minimum 43.4 deg. F. Sunshine 10.2 hours. Rainfall 0.0 inch. Total since Jan. 1—2.0 mm.—0.08 inch as against an average of 0.2 mm.—0.008 inch.

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Chiang Kai-shek Reported Ready To Leave Nanking TIENTSIN ABOUT TO FALL

Nanking, January 9.

As Communist troops moved further into the heart of Tientsin and Chiang Kai-shek prepared to leave Nanking for Taiwan, the Nationalist government made its first approach to the United States, Britain and France—to mediate in the civil war, it was learned tonight.

The government, apparently taking no chances on the outcome of its peace proposal, is at the same time massing 28 armies (the normal strength of one army is 30,000 men) to defend its political and economic nerve centre in the Nanking-Shanghai area.

The exact date of the Generalissimo's departure is still a top secret, but it is believed probable he will leave in the next three or four days. His baggage, consisting mostly of personal documents and belongings, is already packed.

Fighting is reported in Tientsin less than half a mile from Kessling's famous confectionery restaurant, and the Communists are said to be between the city's East and Central stations. Ten shells landed on Roosevelt Road yesterday.

Radio reports from Tientsin to Peking today said that the terms of the recently announced 100,000 Red had heightened. The whole great commercial city of more than 2,000,000 is quivering under the shock of the Nationalist and Red artillery, and the defenders and Red troops hand-to-hand struggles.

The 10-hour curfew, which previously kept people indoors, is now almost completely ignored as people were increasing attempts to shift belongings from the threatened areas.

The strongest units of General Li Pao's veteran Manchurian fighters were contributing to move up from Peking to Tientsin, but Communist Nieli Yui-cheng's columns are deployed around Peking, like a steel band.

Band Of Blood

What so far has been an easy going Red encirclement on Saturday erupted into a band of blood with Nationalist and Red patrolling clashing bitterly. West of the city, on Saturday night Peking heard the continuous rumble of the first Red artillery barrage, though it probably was only a probing the attempting to draw the Nationalist artillery to reveal its position.

The prices of meat, flour and other foods doubled in the past 24 hours. Meantime bitter mood of resignation settled on the city.

The Tientsin City Council, defying the Nationalist Commander, General Fu Tso-yi, have asked the Chinese Communists for an immediate ceasefire and negotiations to settle peacefully our city's fate.

A resident of Tientsin told the United Press by telephone he expected the Communists would take over the city within two days.

Airlines Sworn To Secrecy

Shanghai, January 9.

General Claire Chennault, president of Civil Air Transport, is worried by the unwitting disclosure of information of military value.

Today he gave strict instructions to his pilots and air crews not to discuss airdrops of supplies to General Tu Yu-ming's encircled Suchow garrison.

Nanking is said to have sworn all three domestic airlines—the China National Aviation Corporation, the Central Air Transport Corporation and the CAT—to secrecy on airdrops from the time it has chartered them for the work.

The Haichow airdrops started a few days after the city fell on the withdrawal of General Tu's forces. Southward towards Suchow. General Tu subsequently pulled back his troops into the present pocket, 50 miles South West of Haichow.

Pleasant reports in the last few weeks mention that trucks and armoured units can be seen drawn up among General Tu's troops, that fires, apparently from field kitchens, are visible, that a number of troops are engaged in basketball games, that at least three radio trans-

Ignored Ultimatum

At Peking, the spokesman for General Fu, supreme commander of North China, said the government forces are determined to "fight to the finish." He said General Fu had not replied to the Communist ultimatum to surrender Peking and Tientsin.

Peking itself appeared to be in no immediate danger from Red action, but all signs continued to point to a push toward the city. General Li Pao is known to have moved up five fresh columns—an estimated total of 75,000 men—to reinforce about 10 columns already deployed in a semi-circle to the West, North and East.

It is not yet known whether President Chiang Kai-shek will announce his resignation prior to leaving Nanking, but it is generally presumed he will and all active direction of national affairs, turning over to Vice President General Li Tsung-jen. It is said here that Madame Chiang, now in the United States, will join her husband in Taiwan.

Stubbornly Insistent

General Pao Chung-hsi, Hankow Commander, and other field commanders are said to be stubbornly insistent on the Generalissimo's resignation. It is understood the field commanders considered a prerequisite to either reopening peace talks or continuing the war against the Communists.

General Chang Chun, Minister without Portfolio, who flew to Hankow yesterday to "explain things" to General Pao, was reported today to have had a long talk with General Pao immediately upon arrival. Details of the talk were not disclosed.

Close associates of General Pao now in Nanking said General Pao's "polite insubordination" actions in detaining the Generalissimo's recruits, army and ammunition should not

be interpreted as a "rebellious move." They said General Pao's stand is that the President should step down immediately regardless of whether there will be peace or war.

Kuomintang Progressives in Nanking and Shanghai began an active movement in support of the President's resignation. These Progressives proposed that Madame Sun Yat-sen should be nominated to replace Chiang Kai-shek. They were expected to announce the establishment of an "emergency committee" in the next few days to work for their objective.

Peace Moves

Meanwhile, the Deputy Premier and concurrently Foreign Minister General Wu Te-cheng, called Premier Sun Fo and President Chiang this morning to report to him on his talks with the Ambassadors of the United States, Britain and France on the possibility of helping to settle the civil war.

A well-informed source said General Wu did not make a direct request for mediation yesterday but simply sounded out the Ambassadors on the views of their governments on the new policy of seeking a peaceful settlement with the Communists, and the possibility of their helping in the effort.

It was apparent, from the actions of various officials that the question either of mediation or an appeal to the United Nations was under consideration.

Failure to include the Soviet member of the "Big Four" in the summons raised considerable speculation here. It was understood that the Russian Ambassador has been staying away from any possible participation in either mediation or discussion of negotiations apparently on orders from Moscow.—United Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

Israel Protests Too

Jerusalem, January 9.
The Israeli Government regards the despatch of British troops to Aqaba, under the terms of the Anglo-Transjordan treaty as "a definite hostile act," according to reports from Tel Aviv, reaching here.

The Palestine Post diplomatic correspondent wrote today that the Israeli Government intends to raise the matter with the Security Council and point out that Britain's action has come as a "blow to the prospects of a peaceful settlement" in the Holy Land, and as a deliberate obstruction to the United Nations' attempt at conciliation.

Referring to the five British planes shot down, the correspondent said the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, and the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Shertok, were studying the incident and it is expected that the Israeli Government will report to the American State Department.

This note will protest against the "British participation" whether for reconnaissance or other purposes, "degraded well inside Israeli territory."

The correspondent added that the British operation took place over Israeli territory which could be provided on the evidence of a captured pilot who, according to the correspondent, "depended well inside Israeli territory."

The Israeli Government will point out to the Security Council, the correspondent said, that Britain has not been asked by the United Nations to act as an observer in the present Palestine conflict.

Together - But Separately



Prince Aly Khan and the beautiful film star, Rita Hayworth, whose names have long been linked by rumour, travelled separately across the Atlantic in the Britannic, but joined forces in Ireland. They are pictured here at Croydon, before leaving in a private plane for Paris.—AP Photo.

BRITAIN MEANS BUSINESS

Kyrenia, Cyprus, January 9.

Britain is telling Israel in plain language: "If you stretch out a hand against British interests in the Middle East, we will rap your knuckles." That is the meaning of Britain's show of force in the air over Transjordan and the Egyptian desert adjoining Palestine.

Naval Moves

Valletta, Malta, January 9.

Two British naval frigates sailed for Cyprus today and a marine commando brigade prepared for embarkation, on the heels of Britain's protest to Israel on the shooting down of five RAF planes. Naval officials declined to say whether the marines were being sent to Transjordan's Red Sea port of Aqab to join other British troops already there.

All naval shore leave was cancelled on Saturday night. Royal Naval headquarters here said the aircraft carrier Triumph and the cruiser Phoenix, now cruising in the Mediterranean, had been recalled to Malta to join other British warships.—Associated Press.

U.S. Concerned About Palestine

Washington, January 9.

American officials have expressed deep concern about the shooting down of British planes in the Palestine area.

They expressed hope, however, that a general acceptance of the United Nations cease-fire order for Palestine fighting would prevent a more serious involvement of the British with the Jews.

First reaction from official informants here was that the incident would infuriate the British government and cause a new wave of anti-Israel feeling among the British people, but that the British would "not go to war" about it.

Some authorities suggested that the British planes, which were shot down, being on a reconnaissance mission, were probably either not armed or had orders not to fire.

Israel sources quoted a captured British airman as saying his and some other planes were armed but did not fire. They also said some of the planes carried bombs.—Associated Press.

CREECH JONES ON COLONIES' FUTURE

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"We want to help you to create the social services which you need and above all build the foundations of economic activity upon which alone the standards of living you desire can be sustained and developed. We want to see democracy in your territories taking real root."

"The dynamic must come from yourselves. Your welfare is largely in your own hands. Your progress should spring from your own service to one another and from your own efforts in work and government."

Mutual Benefit

"Initiative in attacking your problems must come from your own energies and sense of public service. It is our part to support you with practical help and advice to create central services on which you can draw and to encourage conditions most suitable to advance and welfare."

"The economic difficulties of the world afford an opportunity of helping you. We want some of the materials and food you can produce but you want well-balanced economies and industries, improved methods of cultivation, better public works and social services. We can thus be of great mutual benefit to one another."

"In working for your progress all the fund of our experience and knowledge is at your disposal. It is in this spirit that development plans have been conceived."

"It takes time to work out the changes we want. We have not always the right tools and knowledge to work with and there are tremendous natural difficulties to overcome. Materials and men for the job are not always there. Nevertheless, changes are steadily taking place which make for greater happiness, better conditions and higher standards of living."

"I hope that in future we here and you from overseas territories may have increasing opportunities

Unity Of Purpose

"The past year has seen the first meeting of the South Pacific Commission in which France, Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the United States, were consulting on matters affecting social and economic development and welfare of peoples in that region."

"There is a pattern in all our work—we aim at planned social development in which responsible democratic societies shall grow up on foundations of economic stability. On the one side constitutional progress goes ahead whether in Mauritius, Seychelles, Borneo, Gibraltar, Falklands or Africa, where African people are taking their place or public bodies and in the Services."

"In many places there have been great steps taken in the development of genuine organs of rural, urban and municipal government."

"I want you to feel with me the tremendous unity of purpose and of spirit that underlies the work which all of us are doing wherever we may be and to realise the immense factor of strength and stability which this brotherhood provides in a troubled world. I want you to look beyond your own horizons and see your place in the greater unity and to resolve in this New Year to strengthen that unity which in one of the great bulwarks in the world for that decent, liberal and peaceful way of life which we all desire. I join with you in high hopes for the future."

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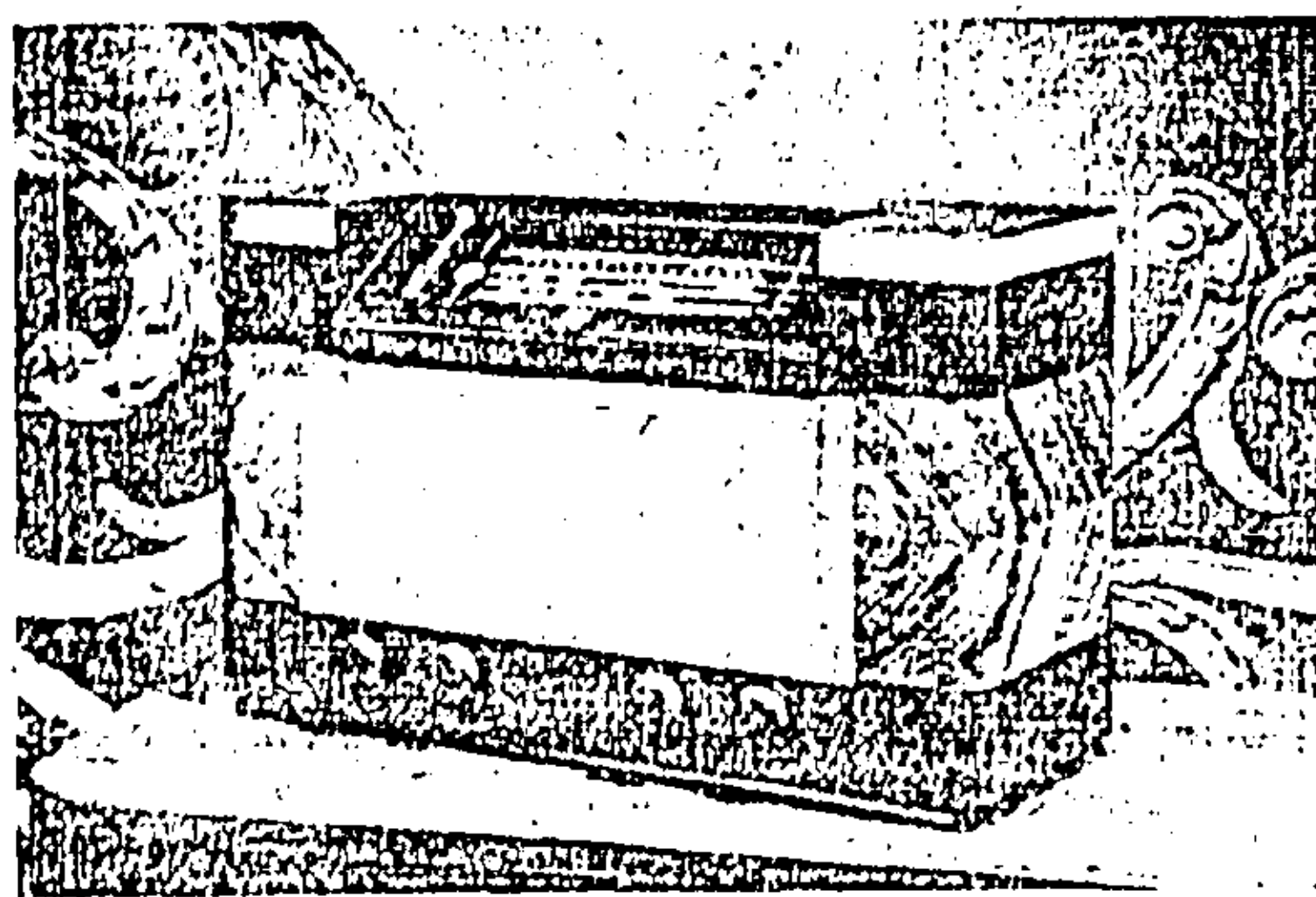
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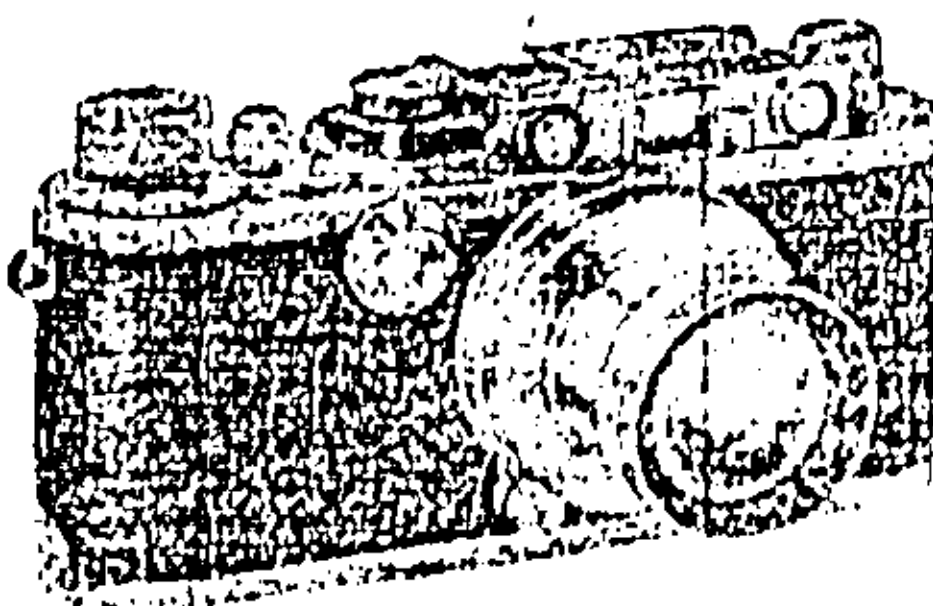
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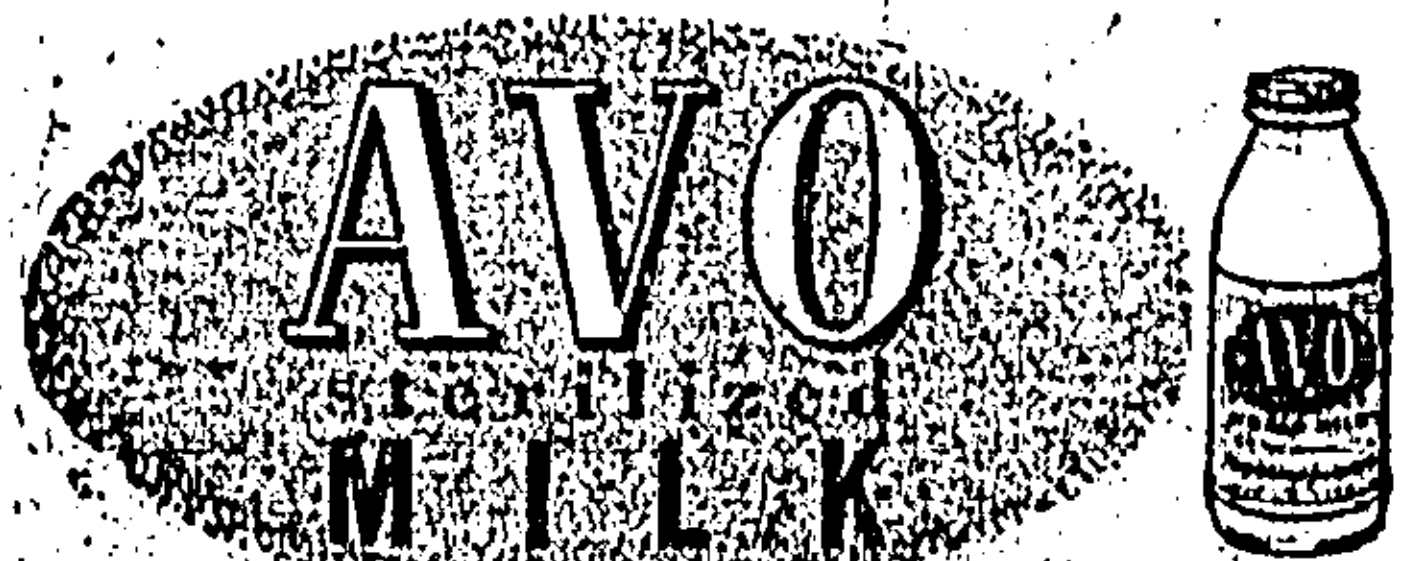
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DOUBLE DECKERS THIS MONTH

Kowloon will have its new double-decker buses some time towards the end of this month, said Mr. S. T. Loucy, General Manager of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., in an interview with a “China Mail” representative yesterday.

The service should have commenced a month ago but was delayed by the late arrival of the chassis and bodies. These have now all been received but work has been held up by the absence of some essential component parts such as windows, seats and frames.

Work on assembling the new buses is progressing apace and it is expected to have one of the new vehicles, for which complete equipment has been received, on the roads on or about January 22, said Mr. Loucy.

It added that the delay was entirely due to circumstances beyond the control of the management. “We would like to have the service started as soon as possible,” he said when told that the public is most anxious to have the new buses put on the roads.

Questioned on ferry-buses, Mr. Loucy revealed that they should have been taken off the roads at the end of last year, and that they will definitely be taken off at the end of this month.

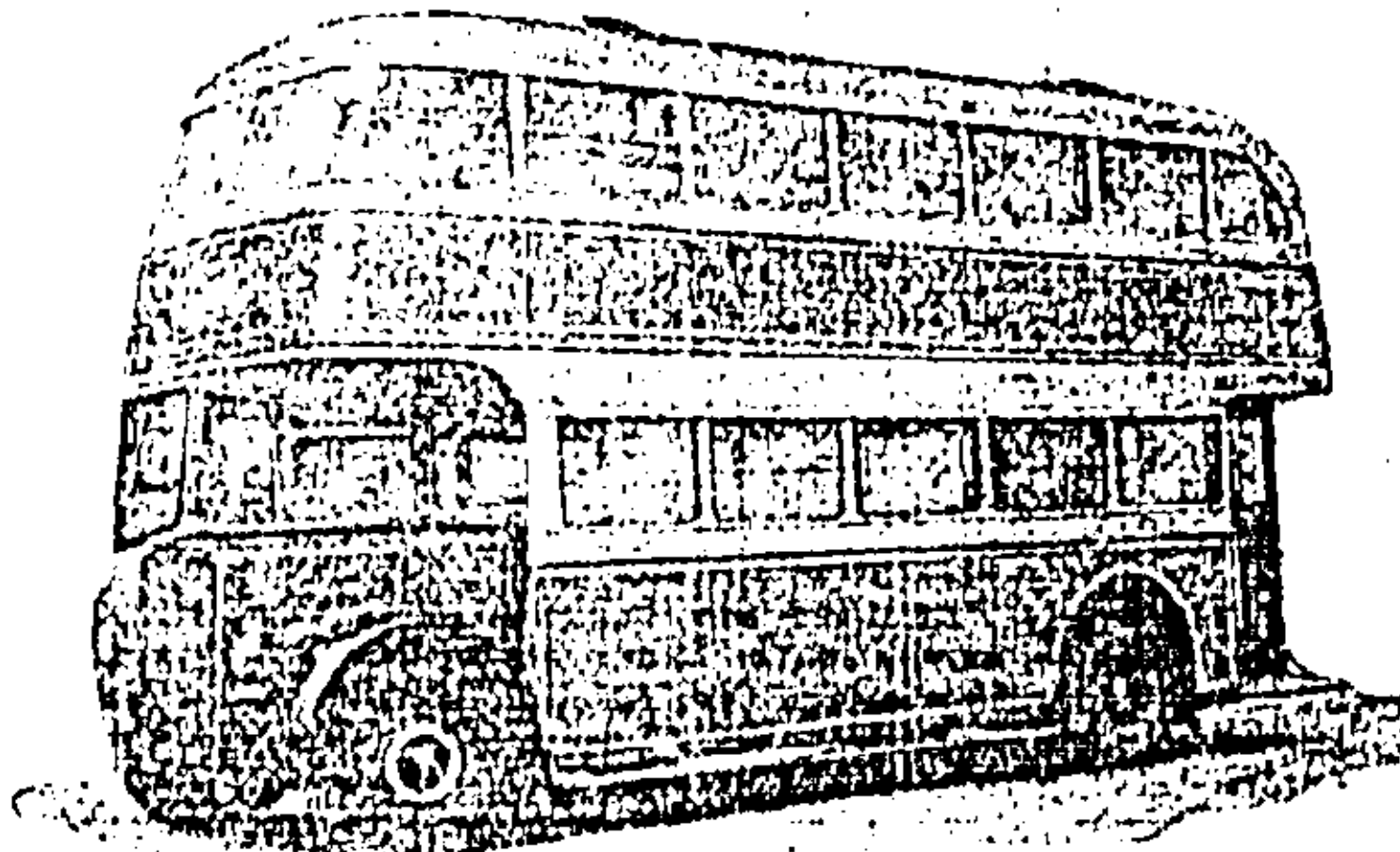
More Modern

The new buses, which are more modern than those in London, are of aluminium bodies built on chassis chassis and powered by 40-horsepower diesel engines. They will be fitted with shutters and glass sliding windows.

The dimensions are 20 feet 7½ inches long, 7 ft. 8 ins. wide, and 17 ft. 7 ins. high. The upper deck is reached by steps from the rear of the vehicle, is 5 ft. 10 ins. high. There will be seating accommodation for 20 or 30 passengers on the lower deck, and for 30 or 40 on the upper deck. All seats on the top will face forward, and are upholstered.

At the early stages of the service, double-deckers will be put on only two routes: Star Ferry—Chamshulpo and Star Ferry—Kowloon City. Eight buses will be used for the Shamshulpo run and 10 for the Kowloon City service, with two as reserves. They will maintain a five minutes service and, at the Star Ferry terminus, will be parked alongside the No. 1 lane. The second lane will be used for the ordinary buses on the same routes. These vehicles will also maintain a five minutes service, alternating with the double-deckers.

An planned improvements to the Star Ferry terminus are put into effect, the new buses will be put on any other routes approved by the Traffic Department, said Mr. Loucy.



One of the ultra modern double decker buses soon to be seen on the Kowloon roads.

VAMPIRE HERE TODAY

Aeronautical enthusiasts in Hong Kong will see for the first time on Wednesday afternoon the high performance and maneuverability of the modern jet propelled fighter, the RAF de Havilland Vampire.

The Singapore-based craft, piloted by Flight-Lieutenant G. Francis, is due to arrive at Kai Tak at 1:30 p.m. today, and will fly in the Colony for a week.

The Vampire, a single engine, single seat, pure jet propelled aircraft forming part of the standard equipment of several European Air Forces and the Royal Air Force, will give four demonstration flights, two over Kai Tak and two over Hong Kong, during its week's stay.

The first flight will be over Kai Tak and is due to start at 2:30 p.m. on January 12.

A nativity tableau was presented by the children of the Tai Po Orphanage last night at St. Andrew's Church Hall. The arrangements were by Miss Kato Langford.

SWAINE-CHU WEDDING

Miss Mary Francis Swaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Swaine, was married to Mr. Robert Joseph Chu at St. Margaret's Church yesterday afternoon.

The bride, given away by her father, entered the church in a dress of white satin with gloves and shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of white flowers.

The Rev. Father G.M. Liberto officiated.

The bride was attended by Miss Margaret Swaine, John Swaine was bestman.

A reception was later held at the Roof Garden Hong Kong Hotel. The honeymoon is to be spent in Shanghai.

FIRE MENACES FLATS

Fire broke out in a mat shed near a block of flats under construction opposite the Hong Kong Police Club in Boundary Street yesterday afternoon.

Kowloon Fire Brigade confined the outbreak to the scaffolding, but as a precautionary measure the flats occupied were evacuated. Police inspectors from their club entered one flat and carried out an old lady.



Mrs. R. M. “Ananda” Jennings seen on the porch of the Lady Ho-Tung Temple, Happy Valley, where she is staying before leaving by the ss. President Wilson on January 15 for Ojai, California. The first foreign Buddhist nun is wearing her religious apparel, and spends most of her time in meditation. (“China Mail” Photo).

FIRST BUDDHIST NUN ARRIVES

Forty-three years ago in Nanking, a 12-year-old American girl stood inside a Buddhist monastery awe-inspired by its deathlike stillness and by the profound wisdom of its Abbot, her father's friend.

“Since that day, the same awe-inspiring feeling and the desire to search for truth has grown deep in me, and I have dedicated my whole life to the teachings of the Lord Buddha”, Mrs. R. M. “Ananda” Jennings told the “China Mail” in relating how she became a disciple.

The first foreign Buddhist nun to visit the Colony, Ananda Jennings, of Ojai, California, arrived here recently after visiting two of China's great Buddhist monasteries—Shaokuan and Yue Yuen.

“My one object in visiting China was to see China's famous sage, Hsu Yun, 103-year-old Abbot of the Yue Yuen Temple, and meditate with him,” the 55-year-old soft-spoken Buddhist nun said. She stayed at the temple and meditated with the Abbot for a week.

Mrs. Jennings began her real study of the religion 15 years ago in her home town in the United States, when she obtained English translations of the Buddhist scriptures. Since then, she had made direct contact with the religion by prolonged meditation.

For her general education, she studied in England and in various parts of Europe. Born in Nanking in 1894, Mrs. Jennings stayed there for 12 years before leaving for Ojai.

The white-haired American nun left California in March last year for her Far Eastern trip, visiting India and Ceylon.

Visited Benares

In India, she visited Benares, Benares, the centre of higher Buddhist teachings in the country, where she meditated with the monks, most of whom have reached the hermitage stage of the religion.

Originally, she planned to see Abbot Hsu Yun in his monastery, but they met at Canton, where both went to the Yue Yuen Temple.

She spent two months in China before returning to Hong Kong. Mrs. Jennings will leave by the ss. President Wilson on January 15 for California. In the meantime, she is staying at the “Lady Ho-Tung Temple”, Happy Valley.

A large gathering yesterday heard a brief talk on how she became a Buddhist.

In her talk Mrs. Jennings said she went through hard times on route to the monasteries without meeting any incidents. She was escorted by soldiers.

Humanity's Problem

Humanity today thinks with a mechanical mind, torn from the heart, so it can never solve world problems, she asserted. The world is trying to solve its problem with a split mind—materialism and materialism—both, of which are products of the same mind. Buddhism has the seed to world peace and prosperity, she said. It seeks to bring together the two forces from one source, working against each other and to join the one mind and heart together.

In the West today, great scientists, thinkers and psychologists are gradually and deeply realizing that one has to use the mind in an entirely different way today, she declared.

China, Mrs. Jennings said, possesses the essence of Buddhism. Her visit to China was specially to see and study the “precious jewels of enlightenment” which dates far back into the Chinese civilization. One indication of this treasure is the fact that the Chinese characters for the mind and the heart are similar, the basis of Buddha's teachings.

This highest form of Buddhism of thinking with the mind and heart together still flowers in China, she concluded.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed, in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

A Sorrow From Stone

Sir,—The other night in the cool of the evening I was strolling alongside a beautiful new building which had better be nameless, and I found myself against the wall to admire the view, as one does. Suddenly it seemed to me I heard a small voice whispering in my ear and I listened attentively, thinking at first it might merely be an echo of those New Year “chimes” at a certain hostelry where the company is good but the gin not always from above the counter.

But no! It was a voice, and it was coming out of the solid cement wall of that imposing edifice.

“Hear me, stranger,” it whispered in a low French accent, “for I am lonely and far from home!”

It turned out that the poor imprisoned thing was the soul of a young man who had once started happily overseas from Antwerp, on a sunny afternoon in early 1918. I will skip the irrelevant parts of his sad story, and proceed.

“At last I arrived in Hongkong. A truck came and took me and my mother away and for a long time we lay in a dark gown until I felt the damp wetting of my substance and was afraid that I might not survive to play my destined part in the world—but at last the sun came and the light came in.”

“Again I went on a bumpy journey, to another strange place where there were already many of my brothers, and many cousins of a kind I had never seen before. They told me that they were coming from a far away land, a corner of the world, and that there was a great deal of ‘converting’ and we all got nice new tropical uniforms, and sometimes a pair of shoes, and some of us were paid as much as \$28 because our owners said it was very difficult to convert us from the OFFICIAL CONTRACTS.”

“Then at last came the day they took me off to a truck to this lovely, lofty spot, and charged me up at \$17—how proud I was thinking of my humble \$6 outfit—and I found me out and asked me into this lovely place where you are now living again!”

The voice quivered, and grew silent after its long effort.

“Doesn't your conscience ever trouble you, I asked, ‘standing there after a \$17 pay when you really can't afford it?’”

“A little hollow laugh seemed to come from the stony surface: ‘Why should I worry me? I come of solid stock,’ said the foreign voice, and I'm very set in my ways now that I've got in my new state as you'll observe, my mind worries, as long as the shareholders have their dividends—and the taxpayers don't have any say in the way their funds are disbursed... Why don't they do a little worrying themselves?”

I couldn't answer that one, either, so I bade him adieu in my best English, and went on walking down, down, and along the street past bright new-looking apartments which I could see would very soon be slums, White Elephants, and a draw in the market, but were now highly desirable residential flats for sale at colossal “keymoney.”

L. HILL.

Reminders

Today

Whist Drive, European YMCA, Lounge, 8 p.m.
University Soccer: Eliot Hall vs. May Hall.
HK School Exhibition of Work: students, King George V School premises.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

HK Rotary Club Luncheon talk on “The Order of St. John” by Colonel Sir James Sleeman, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.
HK Football Association Council meeting, Prince's Bldg., 5.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Tee-H Club meeting, Talbot House, 3 p.m.
St. John Ambulance Brigade Ball, HK Hotel.
HK Council of Women, general meeting, YWCA, Duddell St., 5.15 p.m., Mr. J. B. Dorow on “Community Chest.”
Townmaster's Night (F. E. Skinner), European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.

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NOTICE

The King George V School Parents Association's General Annual Meeting has been postponed from January 24 to Monday, February 7, 1949, owing to school re-opening on the former date.

Tea will be served at 5 p.m. followed by the Meeting at 5.30 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.

Parents of new pupils, as well as old members will be very welcome.

NOTICE

CABLE & WIRELESS, LTD., and THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

Jointly announce the extension of hours of the RADIO-PHONE SERVICE between HONG KONG and MANILA which from Monday, January 10th, will be 9 a.m.-Noon and 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD

A meeting of the Management Committee will be held at the office (third floor), Union Building, 21, Pedder Street, at 8 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 1949.

GEORGE T. LLOYD, General Secretary.

Hong Kong, January 8, 1949.

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Tender Forms and permission to view will be issued from Section 1.B, Naval Store Department, H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, from Monday to Wednesday, January 10-12, 1949.

Completed tender should be returned by hand, signed and in a sealed envelope marked “Tender for the purchase of engines etc.” to this office on or before noon, on Thursday, January 13, 1949.

A. J. DAY,
Naval Store Officer.

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Dr. D. P. Dobson, J.P., Litt.D., will deliver a series of two public lectures on “Local Government” on Friday and Wednesday, January 14 and 19, 1949, in the “Salao Luis de Camoes” of the Club Lusitano, Lee House Street, at 6 p.m. on each day.

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Mr. W. J. Carle will take the Chair on the respective dates.

Dr. Dobson will also deliver two lectures at the University:

“Archaeology and Archaeological Method” on Monday, January 17, 1949, in the Fung Ping Shan Library, at 5 p.m.
“The Bronze Age in Asia and Europe” (illustrated by film strips) on Tuesday, January 18, 1949, in the Lecture Theatre, Anatomy Building, at 5 p.m.

Mr. G. B. Endicott will take the Chair at the two University Lectures.

Members of the public who wish to attend are welcome.

B. MELLOR,
Registrar.

January 5, 1949.

MACAO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MARKET IN MACAO

The Macao Municipal Council hereby invites tenders for the demolition and reconstruction of the Colony's main market, known for years as the St. Domingos Market.

The new plan calls for a substantial building consisting of a ground floor and a first floor. It is estimated that the cost will not exceed the sum of M\$380,000, as per notice published in the Macao Government Gazette, in its No. 1 issue, dated January 1, 1949, where all the conditions relating to the demolition and reconstruction may be found, as well as other clauses which might be of interest to any prospective contractor.

With regard to plans, blueprints, and calculations they may be inspected by any interested party during office hours at the Council's Secretariat, where any other information required will also be given. Tenders should be handed in before noon, on the January 20 instant.

Macao, Municipal Council Hall, January 6, 1949.

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This Lot with the next mentioned Lot represents one of the most valuable sites in the Mongkok area of Nathan Road still available for development, and is ideally situated for the erection of a modern Cinema Theatre, Hotel, Department Store or the like.

LOT NO. 2
Situate on the corner of Nathan Road and Dundas Street. Area: 51640 square feet. Frontage: West side on Nathan Road 101 Feet 4 Inches, South side on Dundas Street 320 Feet, North side on other portions of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1203 320 Feet, East side on other portions of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1203 301 Feet 4 Inches.

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This Lot with its large frontages on Nathan Road and Dundas Street is one of the largest and most valuable sites in the Mongkok area of Nathan Road now available for development. The factory building could at comparatively little expense easily be converted for use as a Hotel, School, Office Block, Department Store or the like.

LOT NO. 3
Situate on the corner of Soy Street and the proposed extension of Sal Young Choi Street. Area: 1105 square feet. Vacant possession will be given on completion.

Situate on Soy Street. Area: 1040 square feet for each Lot. Vacant possession will be given on completion of Lots 4 to 7. Lots 8 and 9 are let as open storage on a monthly tenancy. Notice to quit has been given to the tenant.

Situate on the corner of Soy Street and other portions of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1203. Area: 1105 square feet. This Lot is also let as open storage on a monthly tenancy. Notice to quit has been given to the tenant.

Situate on the proposed extension of Sal Young Choi Street. Area: 1458.435 square feet. Vacant possession will be given on completion.

LOT NO. 11
Situate on the proposed extension of Sal Young Choi Street. Area: 1040 square feet for each Lot. Vacant possession will be given on completion.

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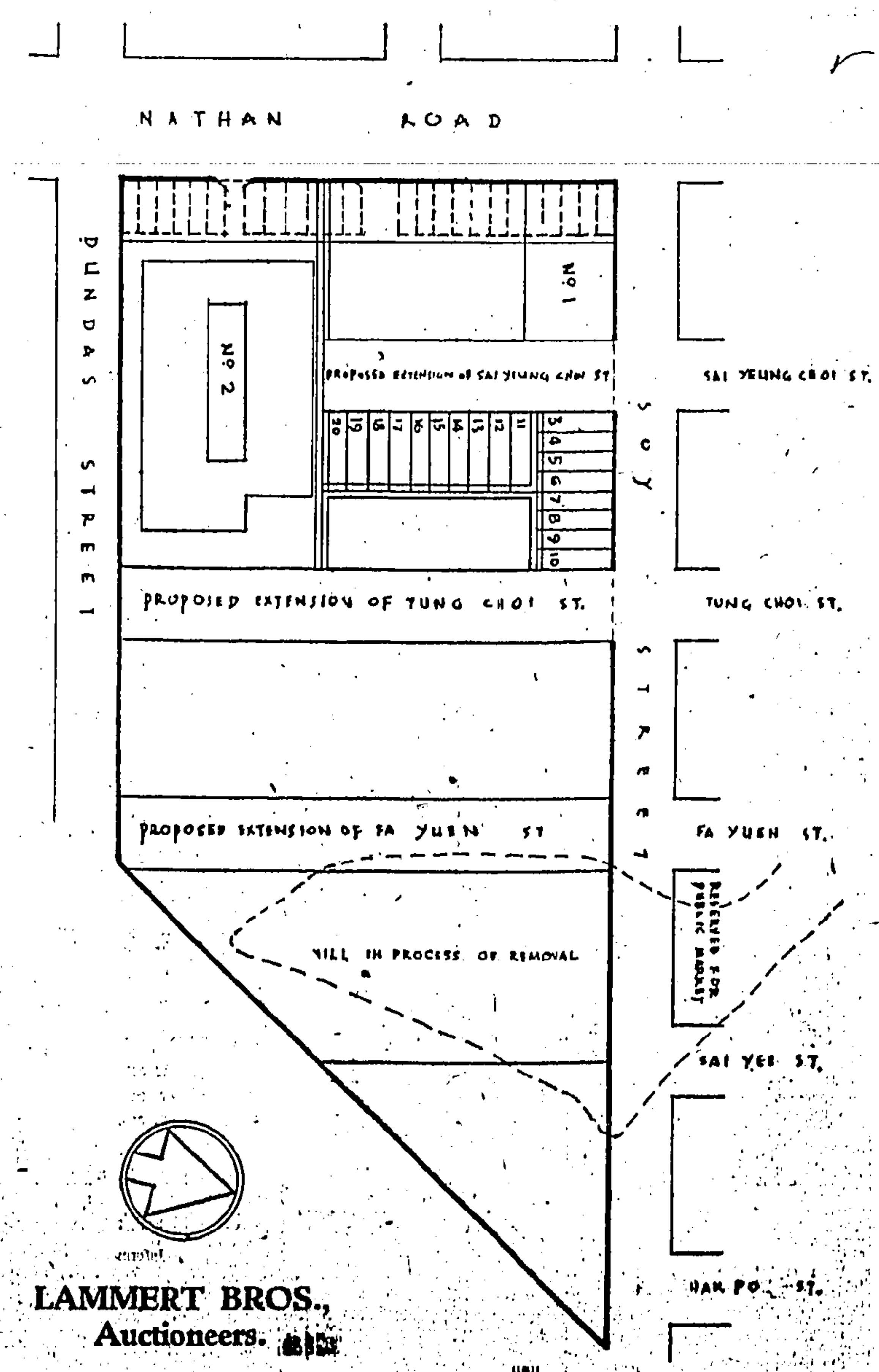
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SITE PLAN



CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner

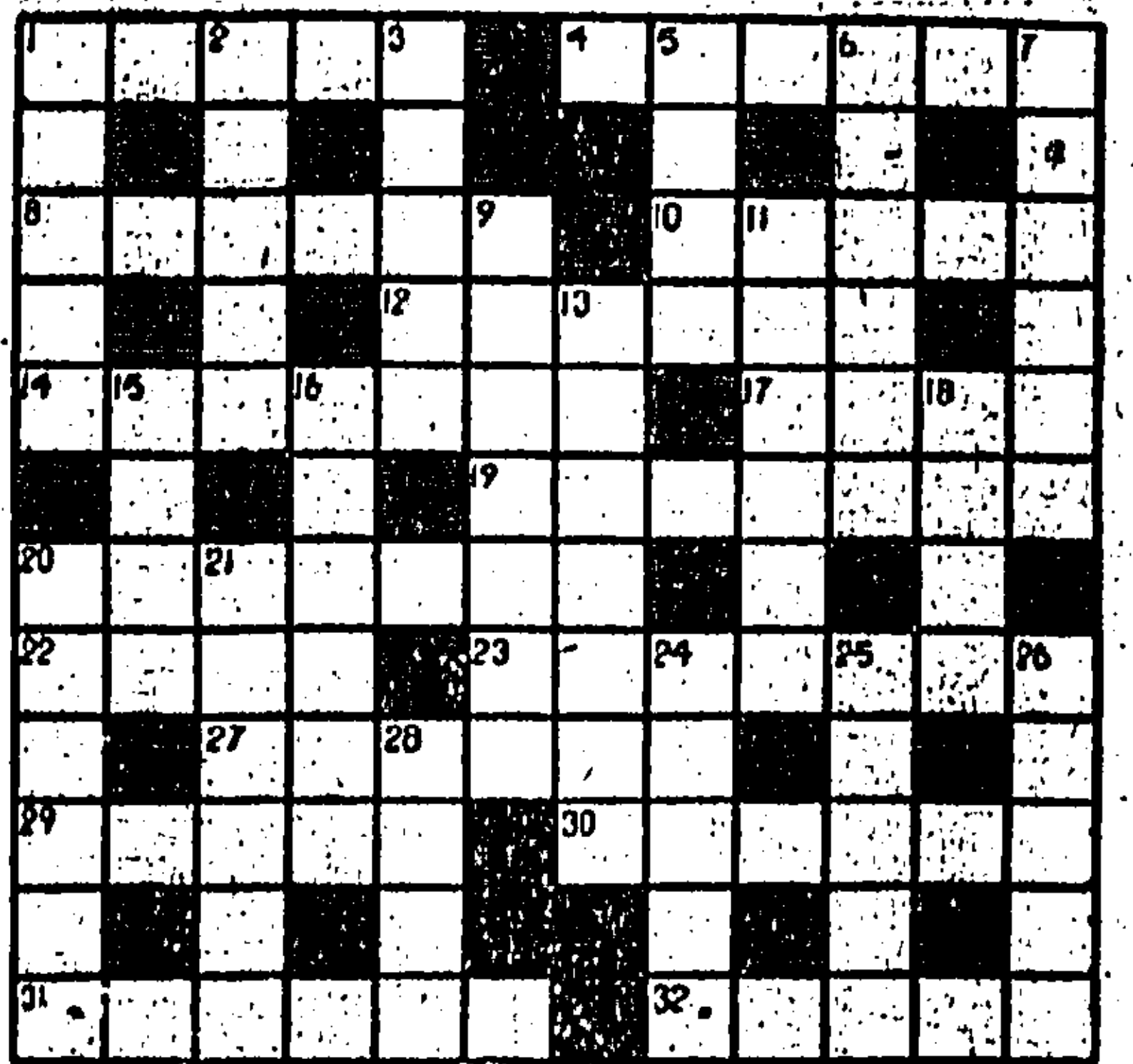
BARCLAY ON BRIDGE
By Shepard Barclay
The Authority on Authorities

COUNT SUIT-LENGTHS
CARD-READING covers mainly two entirely different kinds of items—honour cards and suit-lengths. In some situations the fine player can be absolutely exact in these matters. In others he can make a calculation of the probable situation, and if he is right he can get away with plays which otherwise would not be possible. The average player may believe that in most cases a top-rank declarer usually knows the exact situation after a trick or two. He doesn't expect once he has made a calculation of the probable situation, and if he is right he can get away with plays which otherwise would not be possible. The average player may believe that in most cases a top-rank declarer usually knows the exact situation after a trick or two. He doesn't expect once he has made a calculation of the probable situation, and if he is right he can get away with plays which otherwise would not be possible.

So he took the diamond 3, with the A, ruffed a first diamond, scored the club A, ruffed a first club, ruffed a second diamond, ruffed a second club, ruffed a third diamond, scored the two heart tops, ruffed a third club and led the diamond 8. East trumped with the spade 2, South discarded the heart 8 and West had to overruff with the spade 4. Then West had to lead from his spade K-10 into the A-Q to give South the last two tricks and his contract.

Tomorrow's Problem
S 7 4 2
H 8 5 3
D 6 3
C Q 8 3
S A Q 9 8
H Q 9 6
D A 7
C J 6 4 2
Just why South used the Black wood 4—No Trumps to find out about North's one ace, after his partner had shown it with his double of 4—Diamonds on top of the revealing of the spade fit, is not clear. Perhaps he just likes to bid—who doesn't? West's double, followed by disclosure of the unexpectedly weak dummy after the diamond K lead, let South see he had a job to do.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Initiating
4 Coin
8 Head of a
10 diocese
12 Denude
14 Afternoon
16 performance
17 Got up
19 Accelerated
20 Change of place
22 School
23 Well brought
27 Expunge
29 Going astray
31 Vexatious
32 Throw out
Down
1 Book of records
2 Insertion
3 Sound of distress
5 Spanish coin
6 Vegetable
7 Detected
8 Foresadow
11 Small tower
13 Exhaust
15 Embourge
16 Smoothed out
18 Withheld
20 Meal
21 Tonic
24 Courage
25 Pick
28 Illumination
29 Inclined

Saturday's Crossword
ACROSS—3 Goldfish, 8 Poor, 9 Enslaved, 11 Lemonade, 13 Prod, 15 Ringer, 18 Rejoice, 19 Book, 21 Molested, 25 Rational, 26 Bert, 27 Tolerate.
DOWN—1 Opal, 2 Doom, 4 Corn, 5 Lone, 6 Inner, 7 Direct, 9 Enter, 10 Ideal, 12 Exile, 14 Obese, 16 Melon, 17 Newel, 19 Sprat, 20 Extol, 21 Moor, 22 Last, 23 Thew, 24 Det.

SCANDINAVIAN BLOC AND ATLANTIC PACT

Noah's Ark Puts To Sea

San Diego, January 9. A modern Noah's Ark from the San Diego Zoo left today on the start of a trip to the Auckland, New Zealand Zoo.

Boxed on a truck which left for Wilmington, California were a pair of pumas, a pair of wolves, a pair of coyotes, a pair of sea lions, a pair of spider monkeys and a pair of Canadian honker geese.

The animals are to leave aboard the Matson liner Alouette for Wellington, New Zealand, from where they will be taken to Auckland.

All the animals except the sea lions and one of the pumas were born in the San Diego Zoo.

The shipment was the largest made by the local zoo since the war and represents part of an exchange agreement between the two zoos.—Associated Press.

WITCH DOCTOR A GOOD BET

London, January 9. Dr. R.E.G. Armistead, back from a three-month trip to Africa, said the witch doctor may know more about medicine than civilised people think.

Dr. Armistead, who is Director of the Lomax Research Centre for Anthropology and Race Biology, returned with a batch of their ingredients which he will test for healing powers.

"I believe there is something in their claims," he told newsmen. "People would not come to the medicine men from all over the country, if they did not produce results."

Dr. Armistead brought back 11 cases of roots, herbs, and bark for his experiments. —Associated Press.

NEW ATTACK ON CATHOLICS?

Rome, January 9. Czechoslovak Communists have been ordered to open a tough attack on the head of the Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia, a high ranking Czech exile said today.

In an interview with the newspaper Popolo, Vachek Mayer, a Socialist who was Czech Food Minister before the Communist seizure of power, said orders have gone out from the Communists to the attack.

He likened the campaign to that in Hungary, where the Primate, Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, has been arrested. —Associated Press.

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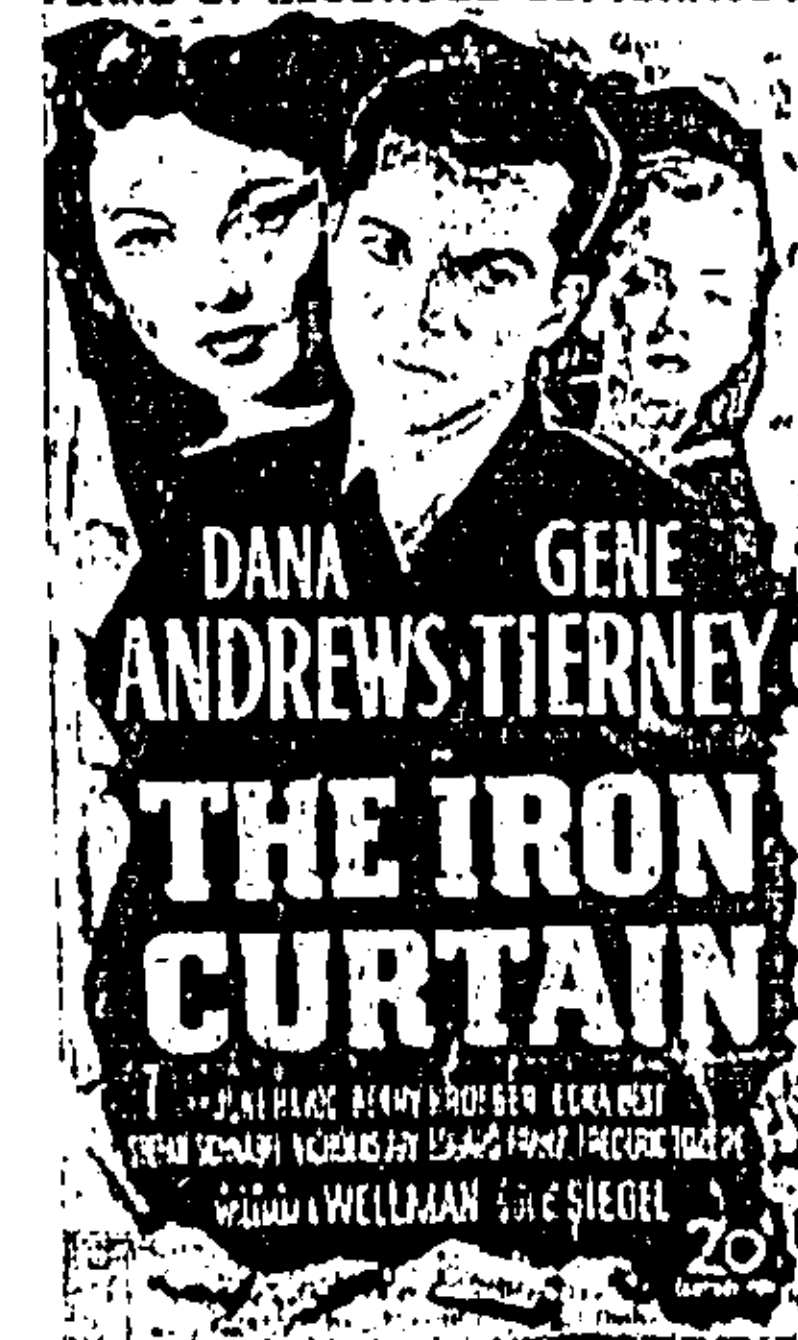
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"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"

London, January 9.

Some conclusions can be made regarding the Scandinavian defence talks, in spite of the absolute secrecy surrounding them.

So says the Stockholm correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, commenting on the talks between the premiers, foreign and defence ministers of the three Scandinavian nations this week.

It appears that no invitation to join the Atlantic Pact discussions in Washington have yet been issued but that Norway and Denmark have been asked if they will give a favourable reply to such invitations.

No similar question has apparently been put to Stockholm. Sweden has already declared her intention not to budge from her strict neutrality.

For Norway and Denmark to join the Atlantic Pact discussions while Sweden remains outside will obviously put an end to the Scandinavian defence pact. Some, however, believe that the beginning has made a condition that these negotiations shall be kept strictly separate.

Norway's Decision

"As they have not been broken off, it follows that no reply from Oslo and Copenhagen to Washington is expected before the end of the Scandinavian defence conference."

"The final decision will probably be taken when the premiers meet again in Copenhagen."

The correspondent adds that nothing suggests that the Karlstad conference has brought about any change in the attitude of the three countries.

Not as he apparently decided to join the Atlantic Pact in spite of the fact that his Scandinavian neighbours do.

Swedish Belief

"Sweden, on the other hand, is believed to have decided to remain outside of all such pacts since the fall of Napoleon."

The Swedish Government and the majority of the Swedish people and press believe that while Sweden is a member of the Atlantic Pact, it will be unwise to be involved in a new pact, which will have a chance to remain outside of it.

It is clear that she does not intend to give favours to either party and that she is strong enough militarily to enforce respect for her neutrality.

Denmark's attitude is more uncertain. She is trying to take a mediating position and her geographical position is much more exposed than that of Norway.

"The majority of Danish opinion, however, appears ready to follow the Norwegian lead. Late Norway has unlike Sweden, she has recent experience of the fruits of neutrality." —Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.22 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—Melodies from British Radio. (BBC7B)

1.00 p.m.—The Ink Spots and Ella Fitzgerald.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Jazz.

1.30 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra.

2.40 p.m.—Close Down.

3.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

3.02 p.m.—"Swingtime" with Vic Lewis and His Band. (BBC7B)

3.50 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour. (Radio)

7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—"The Newcastles." (BBC7B)

7.30 p.m.—Hondal Request Half Hour presented by Nan Dickinson. (Studio)

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

8.20 p.m.—"I Like What I Like" presented by F. Silva. (Studio)

9.00 p.m.—The Road Entertainers.

9.15 p.m.—Latin Coter Talks on Film. (Studio)

9.30 p.m.—London Playhouse: "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward, with Rex Harrison, Ray Hammond, Margaret Rutherford and Constance Cummings.

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—San Francisco Symphony Orch. and Oscar Natus. (Hass)

10.46 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Dutch Request To Britain

London, January 7. Holland has asked Britain to allow the Royal Dutch Airlines to use Mauritius as an alternative route to the Far East because of the ban imposed by India and Pakistan on Dutch civil flights across their territories.

The Dutch request is being considered by the Foreign Office.

The Dutch Government bases its request on the Chicago Civil Aviation Convention of December, 1944. London air experts doubt whether airport facilities at Mauritius will be adequate for KLM purposes. —Reuter.

Red Deserters For America

Washington, January 8. Two Russian airmen who fled to Austria will be allowed to come to the United States as visitors.

The airmen, Lieutenant Anatoly Barsov, 31 years old, and Lieutenant Piotr Progov, 27 years old, landed their Soviet plane on October 9 at an American Army occupation field near Linz in the United States Zone of Austria.

The plane and a Russian sergeant were subsequently returned to the Soviet Army. The two lieutenants were allowed to remain as political refugees.

Their visas are valid for one year but may be renewed. —Reuter.

Japan Hit By Winter

Tokyo, January 9.

An assortment of blizzards, snowstorms and gales brought Japan's first winter weather of the season.

Along the Western and Northern coast, trains are stalled by snowdrifts and telegraph poles crumbled under the lash of blizzards. Snow-plows began clearing the rail lines early this morning.

Snow fell for the first time this winter along the Central Eastern coast, blanketing the British occupation area with as much as one foot of snow. Snow fell also on Shikoku.

A whistling gale and heavy snow are reported to have swamped three fishing boats of Matsuyama on the South Western coast of Honshu. The ferry service between Honshu and Shikoku was suspended because of heavy seas.

The weather continued good to the Tokyo and Yokohama area. —Associated Press.

Britain's Talks With Russia

London, January 9.

Russia's reply to the British complaints of difficulties in the current trade negotiations leaves the door open for an interim Anglo-Soviet agreement.

The reply does not encourage hopes of speeding up the negotiations for such an agreement. These have been going on since last May.

The difficulties are purely commercial with no political implications of any kind.

Britain told the Russian trade representatives she is being denied an opportunity to purchase coarse grain and wheat while at the same time Russia is buying freely in British markets.

Russia told Britain that while she has supplied Britain with the commodities agreed on in the previous one-year Anglo-Soviet agreement, she has not been able to buy in return articles which she needs.

The Overseas Trade Minister, Mr. Arthur Bottomley, commented on this: "British tenders were in fact submitted for 95 per cent of the commodities and equipment asked for by Russia."

These totals more than offset the value of Russian grain purchases by Britain, estimated at £22 million. —Reuter.

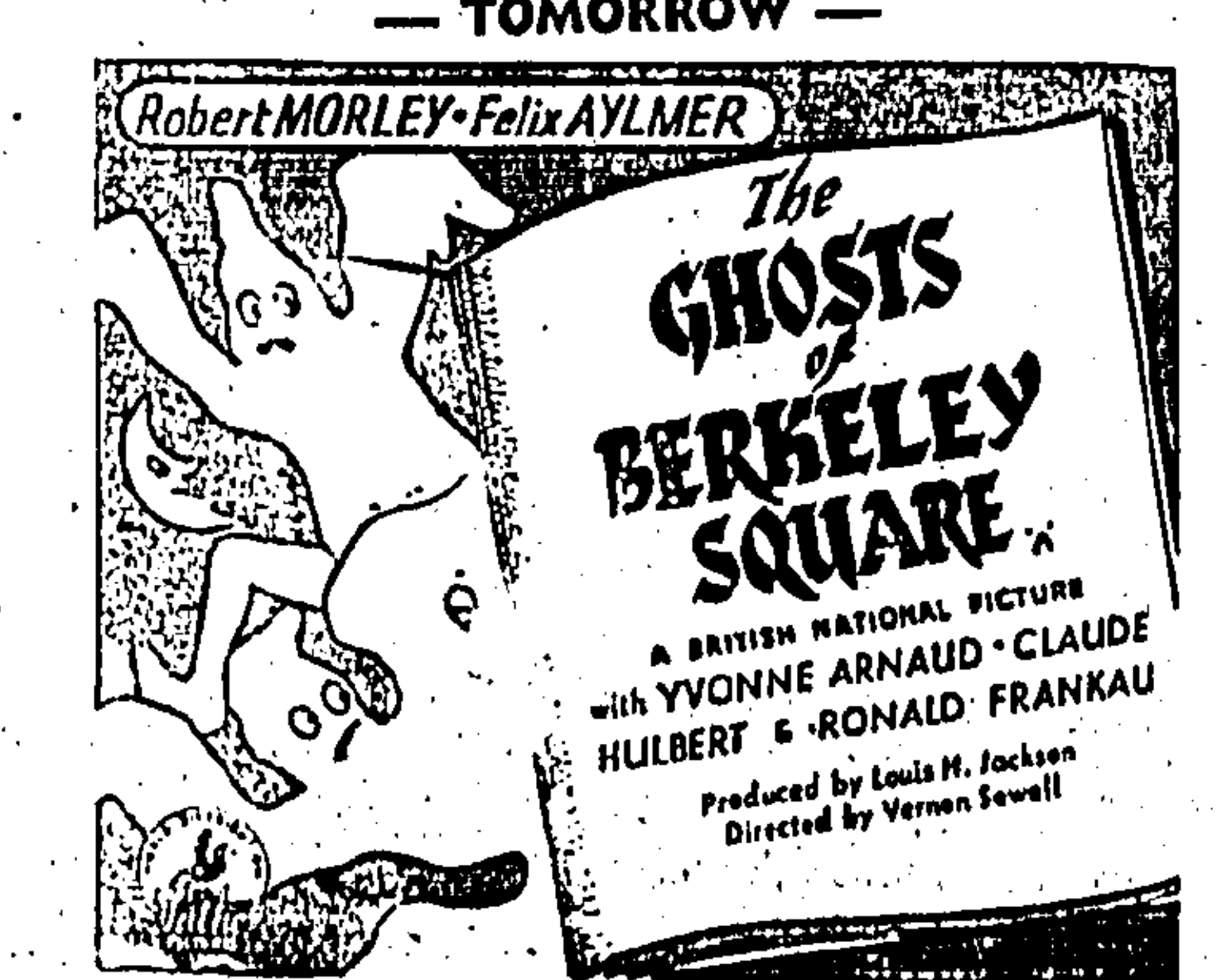
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— TOMORROW —



PACIFIC PACT MAY BE FORMED' SAYS FRASER

Ottawa, January 9.

If the need arises for democratic nations in the Pacific to stand together, a Pacific pact will be developed.

This was stated here today by Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Mr. Fraser thinks such a pact would be on the lines of the proposed Atlantic Pact.

He said it would obviously include Australia, New Zealand, Britain, Canada, the United States, Mexico and certain Central and South American nations.

New Zealand, he added, appreciates the generous help Canada has given to Britain, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand, are helping, too.

"Nothing any of us can do will ever repay Britain for 1940 when Hitler stood at the gates and they saved the world for freedom," he said.

When they look at what had been going on at the United Nations, some countries seem to be forgetting that, he added.

Pro-British Feeling

New Zealand hopes for an early solution of the Indian question, he said. There are indications that Holland is prepared to work out an arrangement with the Republics.

He said that in Eire, which he visited last month, and India a greater feeling of friendship for Britain and the Commonwealth exists than ever in our life-time or before.

Mr. Fraser will see the Canadian Premier, Mr. Louis St. Laurent and President Truman. —Reuter.

Judge Attacks Court Verdict

Nuremberg, January 9.

The United States Judge, Mr. Paul Herbert, one of the Three Man tribunal in the I.G. Farben case, has filed a dissenting opinion declaring that he believes 15 of the Company's directors, acquitted of a mass murder and slave labour charge should have been found guilty.

Only five out of 23 high officers of the giant German chemical combine were found guilty under the charges lodged against all.

Judge Herbert said: "In my view all members of the Farben Board of Directors should be held guilty of slavery and mass murder, not only for the participation by Farben in the crime of enslavement at the Auschwitz concentration camp, but also for widespread participation and willful co-operation with the slave labour system in other Farben plants." —Reuter.

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ceded, in spite of defeat and disaster, in withdrawing significant numbers of their troops across the Seine, there still remained the hope of constructing another trap for them before they could reorganise and present an effective defensive front. Portions of the German Fifteenth Army still remained in the Calais area, where they would provide a stiffening core for the retreating troops of the First and Seventh Armies. It was considered possible that some resistance would be attempted along one of the natural defences provided by the waterways of Belgium. A surprise vertical envelopment by airborne troops appeared to offer the best hope of encirclement if the enemy chose to make a stand.

As quickly as the defeat of the Germans on the Normandy front became certain, airborne forces were directed to prepare plans for drops in a number of successive positions, the appropriate spot to be selected when the developing situation should indicate the one of greatest promise. The mere paper planning of such operations was, while laborious, a simple matter. However, when actual preparation for a planned drop was undertaken, the difficulties presented themselves. Preparation for airborne attack required the withdrawal of transport planes from supply purposes, and it was difficult, at times, to determine whether greater results could not be achieved by continuing the planes in supply action.

Unfortunately this withdrawal of planes from other work had to precede an airborne operation by several days, to provide time for refitting equipment and for briefing and retaining of crews. In late August, with our supply situation growing constantly more desperate, and with all of us eagerly following combat progress in the search of another prospect of cutting off great numbers of the enemy, the question of the Transport Command employment came up for daily discussion. On the average, allowing for all kinds of weather, our planes could deliver about 2,000 tons a day to the front. While this was only a small percentage of our total deliveries, every ton was so valuable that the decision was a serious one.

It appeared to me that a fine chance for launching a profitable airborne attack was developing in the Brussels area, and though there was divided opinion on the wisdom of withdrawing planes from supply work because of the uncertainty of the opportunity, I decided to take the chance. The Troop Command, on September 10, was withdrawn temporarily from supply missions to begin intensive preparation for an airborne drop in the Brussels area. But it quickly became clear that the Germans were retreating so fast as to make the effort an abortive one. Except with reinforcements, the Germans made no attempt to defend in that region at all.

All along the front we pressed forward in hot pursuit of the fleeing enemy. In four days the British spearheads, paralleled by equally forceful American advances on their right, covered a distance of 105 miles, one of the many fine feats of marching by our formations in the great pursuit across France. By September 5, Patton's Third Army reached Nancy and crossed the Moselle River between that city and Metz. Hodges' First Army came up against the Siegfried defences by the 13th of the month and was shortly thereafter to begin the struggle for Aachen. Pushed back against the borders of the homeland, the German defences showed definite signs of stiffening. On September 4, Montgomery's armies entered Antwerp and were restricted to learn that the Germans had been so rapidly hustled out of the place that they had had no time to execute extensive demolitions. Marshes had been captured on

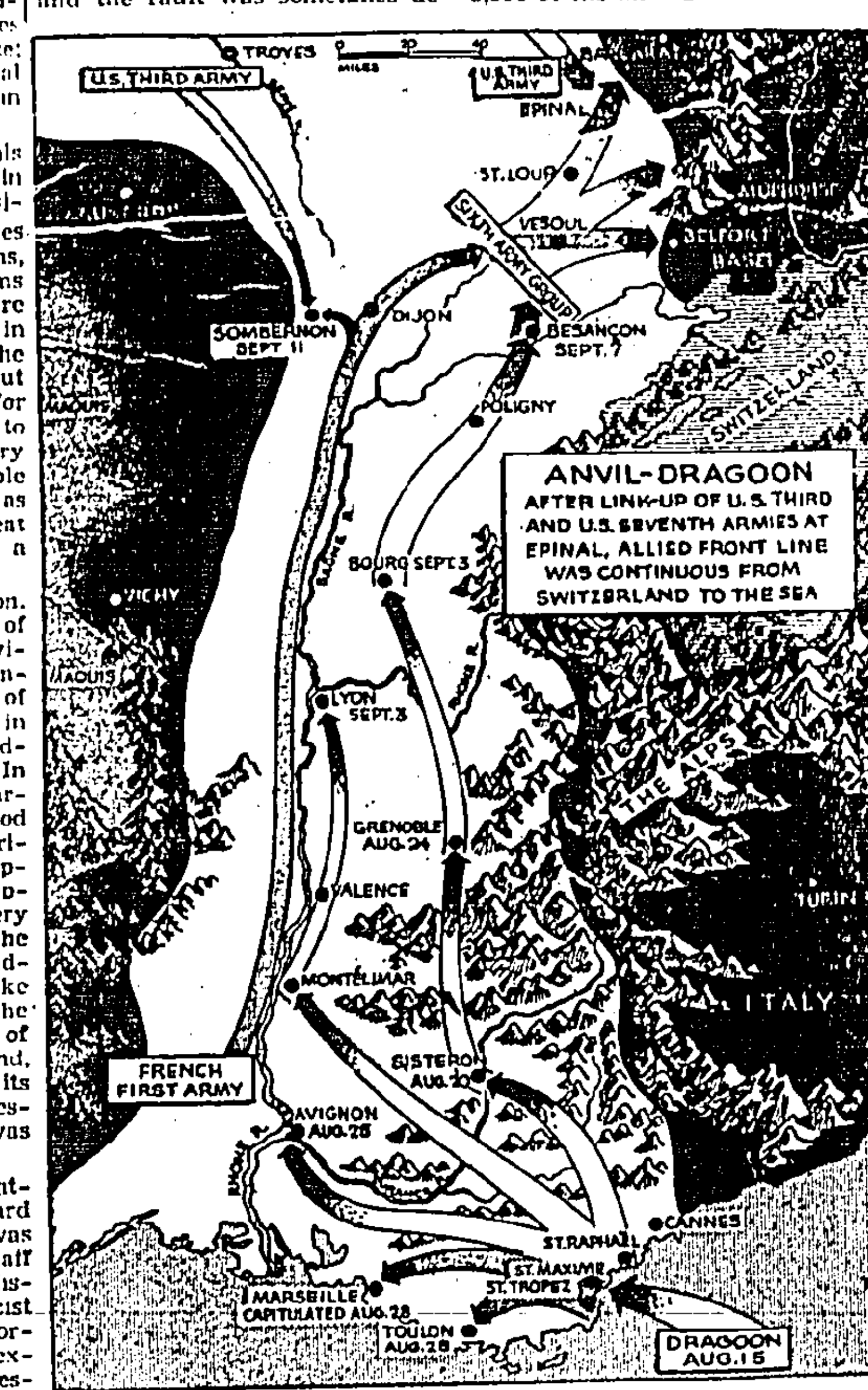
On Montgomery's flank the question for immediate decision became the priority in which these tasks should be taken up. As a first requisite our lines had to be advanced far enough to the Eastward to cover Antwerp securely, else the port and all its facilities would be useless to us. This had to be done without delay, until it was accomplished the other tasks could not even be started. Equally clear was the fact that, until the approaches to the port were cleared, it was of no value to us. Because the Germans were firmly dug in on the islands of South Beveland and Walcheren, this was going to be a tough and time-consuming operation. The sooner we could set about it the better. But the question remaining was whether or not it was advantageous, before taking on the arduous task of reducing the Antwerp approaches, to continue our Eastward advance against the still retreating enemy with the idea of securing a possible bridgehead across the Rhine in proximity to the Ruhr.

While we were examining the various factors of the question, Montgomery suddenly presented the proposition that, if we would support his Twelfth First Army Group with all supply facilities available, he could rush right into Berlin and, he said, end the war. I am certain that Field Marshal Montgomery, in the light of later events, would agree that this view was a mistaken one. But at the moment his enthusiasm was fired by the rapid advances of the preceding week and, since he was convinced that the enemy was completely demoralised, he vehemently declared that all he needed was adequate supply in order to go directly into Berlin.

To Be Continued

the press. To cover the whole under an umbrella of impersonality deprives the soldier of this satisfaction and is sooner or later reflected in open complaint. Moreover, any enemy worthy of the name quickly learns through front-line contacts the identity of all units opposing him. To pursue the ostensible policy of pretending the contrary merely enrages the press and does no good.

Under the policy adopted by the American forces in Europe, a great deal of responsibility devolves upon the accredited press representatives. One of these is to write fairly and with a sense of perspective. Some tend to become advocates and supporters of a particular unit or a particular commander. This becomes serious, in an allied command, when the bias has also a nationalistic tinge. Unpleasant incidents of course arose, and the fault was sometimes de-



troys and this in spite of the fact that the Luftwaffe had been seriously depleted before the invasion began.

There was a definite drop in enemy morale. So far as prisoners were concerned this was more noticeable among the higher officers because they, with professional training, could see the inevitability of final defeat. But the Army as a whole had clearly not yet reached the stage of mass collapse and there was no question that the German divisions, given decent conditions, were still capable of putting up fierce resistance.

With the capture of Paris we were substantially on the line that had been predicted before D-day as the one we would attack three to four months after our landing. Thus, in long-term estimate, we were weeks, ahead of schedule, but in the important particular of supply capacity we were badly behind. Because almost the entire area had been captured in the swift movements subsequent to August 1, the roads, railway lines, depots, repair shops, and base installations, required for the maintenance of continuous forward movement, were still far in rear of the front lines.

The liberation of Paris on the twenty-fifth of August had a great impact on people everywhere. Even the doubters began to see the end of Hitler. By this time



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DEATH

HANDYSIDE—On Saturday evening at The Queen Mary Hospital, Miss Vera Handyside, beloved daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Handyside, Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 1949.

TWO THINGS.

There are two things that the Security Council of the United Nations ought to do on the Dutch "police action" in Indonesia. It should no longer be content to argue about its own competence but should get a definite ruling from an international legal authority. It should no longer be content to decide on what are too often ex parte and tendentious statements but endeavour to ascertain the real facts of the situation. Its Committee of Good Offices (in Indonesia) might have helped here but that body has been too concerned with arguments at the top level to come down to the wishes of those ordinary people who, in the end, are the persons most deeply concerned.

What the Security Council requires is not argument on democracy and colonialism but facts about the wishes of the people. It requires to be clear as to whether or not the Japanese-created Republic has any popular basis or whether it has maintained itself by terror to the great material detriment of the country and to the dislike and disadvantage of its inhabitants. The assertion that the Dutch advance met with next to no resistance and that it was, indeed, welcomed by the majority of the population may require proof but there are sufficient indications to show that it is at least more likely to be true than the counter-assertions of the Republic's self-appointed champions.

What the Council should seek and ensure is a return to peace, production and prosperity. It had better be thoroughly satisfied as to which of the present antagonists is the likelier to produce all three.

Nokrashy Pasha

The assassination of Nokrashy Pasha, the Egyptian Prime Minister, last week appears to have been an act of revenge for the suppression of the Moslem Brotherhood. The latter is in itself a symptom of a deeper malaise in Egyptian life fostered both by the chronic economic hardships of the mass of the population and by the two nagging issues in foreign affairs—Palestine and the Sudan—on neither of which did Nokrashy Pasha's Government achieve any success. These failures intensified popular frustration and Nokrashy, who held the portfolios of home and foreign affairs as well as the premiership, inevitably took most of the blame. He became the victim of the nationalism which had carried him to success but which had then outstripped him. His successor, Ibrahim Hadi Pasha, was his closest surviving ally in politics and may be expected to carry on his policies with as little change as possible. The most urgent task in Egypt is to make effective provision for the preservation of order. There are too many assassins in Egypt. There are too many fanatisms, old and new, open and concealed, whose weapon is terror—terror waged against all whose aim is peaceful settlement. The realities of the situation stare national leaders in the face; by refusing to recognise them they play straight into the hands of the gangster and the assassin.

Complete wartime co-ordination and perfect co-operation can never be achieved between the press and military authorities. For the commander's secrecy is a defensive weapon; the press is anathema. The task is to develop a procedure that takes into account an understanding of both viewpoints.

The press is primarily and properly concerned with providing information to the public at large. Civilian effort, production of fighting formations and the equipment necessary to achieve victory. Civilians are entitled to know everything about the war that need not remain secret through the overriding requirement of military security. Indeed, the commander in the field must never forget that it is his duty to co-operate with the heads of his government in the task of maintaining a civilian morale that will be equal to every purpose.

To do this effectively, the principal agency available to the commander is the body of press representatives in his theatre. These represent every type of newspaper and periodical, radio chain, and photographic service, both motion and still. Some commanders resent the presence of this body of non-combatants, which sometimes grows to a considerable size. There was, one time, a total of 943 within the European theatre.

When I first met General Alexander and Montgomery in Africa they favoured the imposition upon press representatives of strict rules and regulations, and their list of censorable items was long. They were aware that reporters were present in the theatre of operations by the authority of the government, but so great was their concern for secrecy that they appeared to treat the press as a necessary evil rather than as a valuable link with the homeland and as an agency that could be of great assistance in the waging of a campaign.

There was a sound reason, particularly at the beginning of the war, for the British to evidence more reserve and conservatism in their treatment of the press than was reflected in the policies that American headquarters always favoured. In the early days of the war, particularly when Britain stood alone in 1940 and 1941, the British had little with which to oppose the German except decency. They resorted to every type of subterfuge, including the establishment of dummy headquarters and the sending of fake messages in order to confuse the German as to the amount of military strength available and, more important than this, its disposition. Out of this necessity was born a habit that was later difficult to discard.

I believed that the proper attitude of the commander toward representatives of the press was to regard them as quasi staff officers; to recognise their mission in the war and to assist them in carrying it out. Normally the only justifiable excuse for censorship is the necessity to withhold information that the enemy could not otherwise obtain. During the war I personally violated this general rule by imposing temporary political censorship in North Africa and by withholding advance notice of the eventual command arrangements in Normandy. Though my reasons in both cases seemed valid to me, I never failed to regret what later proved to be a mistake.

In World War II the great body of the American and British press representatives comprised an intelligent, patriotic, and energetic group of individuals. They could, with complete safety and mutual advantage, be taken into the confidence of the commander. When this was done the press body itself became the best possible instrument for the disciplining of an individual who violated any confidence or code under which the group was operating. Throughout the campaigns in the Mediterranean and Europe, I found that correspondents habitually responded to candour, frankness, and understanding.

In the handling of the press, the American practice was to provide every facility that would permit an individual to go wherever he wanted whenever he wanted. While this imposed upon us some additional administrative burdens, it paid off in big dividends because of the conviction in the minds of all that there was no attempt to conceal errors and stupidity. These, when discovered, could be promptly aired and therefore did not grow into the festering sores that would have resulted from any attempt at concealment.

Censorship applied to the designation of units already committed to action denies the commander one of his greatest aids in the development and maintenance of morale among his own fighting troops. The combat soldier wants to be recognised; he wants to know that his sufferings and privations are known to others and, preferably, appreciated. Nothing seems to please him more than to find his own battalion, regiment, or division mentioned favourably in

STRONG PROTEST TO ISRAEL BY BRITAIN

Jewish Shooting Down Of Five Air Force Planes

BRITISH MILITARY MOVES

London, January 8.
Britain today protested strongly to Israel against the shooting down of five British planes in the Egyptian-Palestine border area, and reserved the right to any further action which may be deemed advisable.

This sensational development comes with a British announcement that troops have been rushed into Transjordan to forestall a possible Jewish attack on that country.

In Malta, Royal Navy men on shore leave were recalled to their ships tonight, while Royal Marine Commandos and air units are standing by at Fama-gusta.

Renewal Of Battle Predicted

Cairo, January 9.
The Secretary-General of the Arab League predicts today a renewal of fighting in Palestine despite the current truce.

"Although the Egyptian Government has been forced for various reasons to accept the cease fire while the Egyptian Army had the initiative on the battlefield, there is no doubt the Zionists will not respect their pledges," said Ibrahim Abdel Azzam Pasha.

"Thus this phase is similar to previous phases and anybody who thinks the battles will not be renewed in Palestine will be mistaken."

The Arab League is an association of seven Arab countries—Egypt, Transjordan, Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Lebanon.

All have been at war with Israel but only the first three have done any fighting of consequence.

Azzam Pasha predicts renewed fighting in Palestine unless the Security Council's order for withdrawal to lines occupied by Egypt and Israel on October 14 in the Negev desert is carried out. He expresses regret about the hesitation of some of the Arab countries. — Associated Press.

The Royal Air Force in Transjordan is being reinforced and the RAF is building up stocks of petrol and ammunition and making reconnaissance flights over Transjordan near the border of Southern Palestine.

In the past few days several Lancasters have appeared at Neoma for bombing exercises in Moughib Bay.

There is no intention of increasing the air strength on Cyprus. At present this consists of the squadron of Spitfires and two of Vampires.

More extensive exercises are expected, however.

An official Air Ministry statement says that five planes were lost in the Middle East as a result of Jewish attacks.

RAF Warning

The Ministry warns that in future all Jewish aircraft over Egypt will be considered hostile by British planes.

The British planes shot down were on reconnaissance flights to ascertain the depth and scale of the Jewish incursions into Egyptian territory.

The British protest to Israel says: "The British Government reserves the right both regarding compensation and regarding all possible future action."

The Foreign Office describes the note as a strong protest.

The Israeli authorities in Tel Aviv announce that two Spitfires, an Egyptian Fiat and two as yet unidentified "enemy" planes, were shot down in the Negev fighting in Southern Palestine yesterday.

Pilot Captured

The Jewish forces captured the pilot of one Spitfire. Flying Officer John McElhann, an Israeli spokesman says the charred

remains of the other Spitfire have been found.

He adds that the planes were engaged in armed reconnaissance raids.

The Air Ministry communique says RAF aircraft have strict orders not to cross the frontier into Palestine. It adds that on the morning of January 7, two formations of RAF Spitfires and one of a single Mosquito, escorted by Tempests, were attacked by Jewish fighters.

The text of the communique says: "During the last few days Royal Air Force aircraft from the Canal Zone have been carrying out reconnaissance to ascertain the depth and scale of the Jewish incursions into Egyptian territory."

"These reconnaissance have been strictly confined to the Egyptian side of the frontier."

"Had Bombs"

"On the morning of January 7, two formations, one of four RAF Spitfires and one of a single Mosquito, escorted by four Tempests, which were on reconnaissance inside the Egyptian frontier, were attacked by Jewish fighters, and the four Spitfires failed to return from the mission."

"A few hours later, a further air reconnaissance force despatched to obtain information of the fate of the missing Spitfires was also attacked by Jewish aircraft and one Tempest has been reported missing."

"The Jewish authorities in Tel Aviv allege that the 12 planes engaged in the afternoon flight over Israeli territory yesterday had bombs under their wings and had loaded guns."

An Israeli spokesman says McElhann did not fire his guns and had told Jewish interrogation officers that he had no instructions to use them.

The Jewish authorities in Palestine report sporadic Egyptian shelling in the Negev today despite the cease fire. All other fronts are quiet.—Reuter and United Press.

WASHINGTON DISTURBED

Washington, January 8.
Informed Washington circles think that Britain's decision to send troops to Transjordan may have disturbing possibilities.

They couple the move with the Israeli announcement of the shooting down of British planes in Southern Palestine yesterday.

The State Department refuses comment until it has received more information. Observers recall that there have been at least two Israeli incursions into Transjordan territory and that the recent Israeli entry into Egypt justifies any Transjordanian feeling of trepidation.

Britain's decision, even when regarded as "precautionary," is considered a significant indication of the concern Britain feels for the situation in the Middle East.—Reuter.

Tanks Sent To Akaba

Cairo, January 8.
British infantry, armoured cars, tanks and aircraft arrived at Akaba three weeks ago. It can now be revealed.

The ground units arrived on a British sloop, a cruiser and two destroyers, Arab sources disclose.

Since that time, the British have continued to land supplies and troops to forestall any Jewish attempt to cut off the port of Akaba. Both Transjordan and Britain grew alarmed after Israel twice sent a force to the neighbourhood of Wadi-el-Arab, threatening to cut road communications between Akaba and the rest of Transjordan.

This Anglo-Arab alarm grew as Israel stepped up its attacks in the Negev and struck into Egypt. But even before the Israeli raid on El Alaris, in Egypt, Transjordan asked Britain for help. RAF planes from the Suez Canal Zone flew to Akaba, and RAF units at Amman also were alerted.—United Press.

South To Build 200 Trawlers

Canton, January 9.
A considerable quantity of fishing equipment and material is expected in Canton in the near future.

The consignment is coming from Shanghai and when it reaches Canton will be distributed by the Kwangtung-Canton Fishing Materials Allocation Committee.

The material will be sufficient for the construction of 200 trawlers.

When built, the trawlers are to be hired out to fishermen on a payment system which will eventually permit them to own their own fishing boats.—Reuter

Commonwealth Talks On Indonesia

London, January 8.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, met the Commonwealth High Commissioners at the Foreign Office today. The Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, Mr. Philip Noel Baker, was present.

The meeting was called to discuss the attitude of the various Commonwealth Governments to the Asian conference on Indonesia called by the Indian Government to take place at New Delhi shortly.

A Foreign Office spokesman will not confirm that the meeting dealt especially with Indonesia. He says it was one of the normal series of discussions between the Foreign Secretary and the Commonwealth High Commissioners which takes place in London from time to time.

At least five British Dominions are likely to attend the New Delhi conference—India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Australia and New Zealand.

Observers in London say the High Commissioners sought a clear exposition of the British attitude on the Dutch action in Indonesia.

Anxiety lest the British silence prejudice her prestige in the Far East has already been expressed in some Commonwealth quarters, including the Pacific Dominions.

Today's meeting was a climax to 24 hours of discussions on British policy towards Indonesia. The subject was discussed yesterday by the High Commissioners at one of their periodic meetings with Mr. Noel Baker.

Prestige At Stake

The evening Liberal newspaper, the Star, referring to today's meeting, stated that the High Commissioners were in a friendly mood, for their Governments want to be helpful. But they think British prestige may suffer in the Far East because of the way Mr. Bevin is handling the Indonesian crisis.

The Star adds: "The complaint of the Commonwealth envoys is that the Foreign Secretary is concealing his real feelings about the Dutch military action to suppress the Republic in Java."

"Privately they think he has told the Dutch diplomats bluntly that this policy is high-handed and provocative. But in public, Britain has attempted neutrality. This is upsetting some Commonwealth members—particularly India."

Today's argument, according to the Star, was on the lines that it is time Mr. Bevin openly expressed sympathy for the Indonesian Nationalist movement, and that unless he does that quickly he will lose the goodwill of millions of people in South East Asia in the fight expected shortly to prevent Communism spreading Southwards from China.—Reuter.

Mr. Eden To Visit Malaya

London, January 8.
Mr. Anthony Eden, Conservative Party deputy leader and former Foreign Secretary, told Reuter today that he will visit Malaya during his two-months' air tour of the Commonwealth countries, which opens with his flight from London to Montreal on January 20.

He plans to spend some days in Malaya and will return by India and Pakistan.

Mr. Vincent Massey, former Canadian High Commissioner in London, will be Mr. Eden's host for part of his Canadian stay, during which he will visit Winnipeg and Montreal. Mr. Eden will leave by air for New Zealand, where he will be the guest of the Government, about the end of January.

He will spend 12 days in New Zealand, arriving in Australia on February 15, as the guest of the Government during a three-weeks stay. He is due to speak in every State in Australia.

Mr. Eden, who will be accompanied on his tour by Commander A.H.P. Noble, Member of Parliament for Chelsea, will return to London before the end of March.—Reuter.

DROUGHT BROKEN

Brisbane, January 8.
The heaviest rain for eight months—39 of an inch—has fallen at Peak Downs, Central Queensland, where the drought was a serious threat to agriculture, including the large farming project to supply Britain with more food.

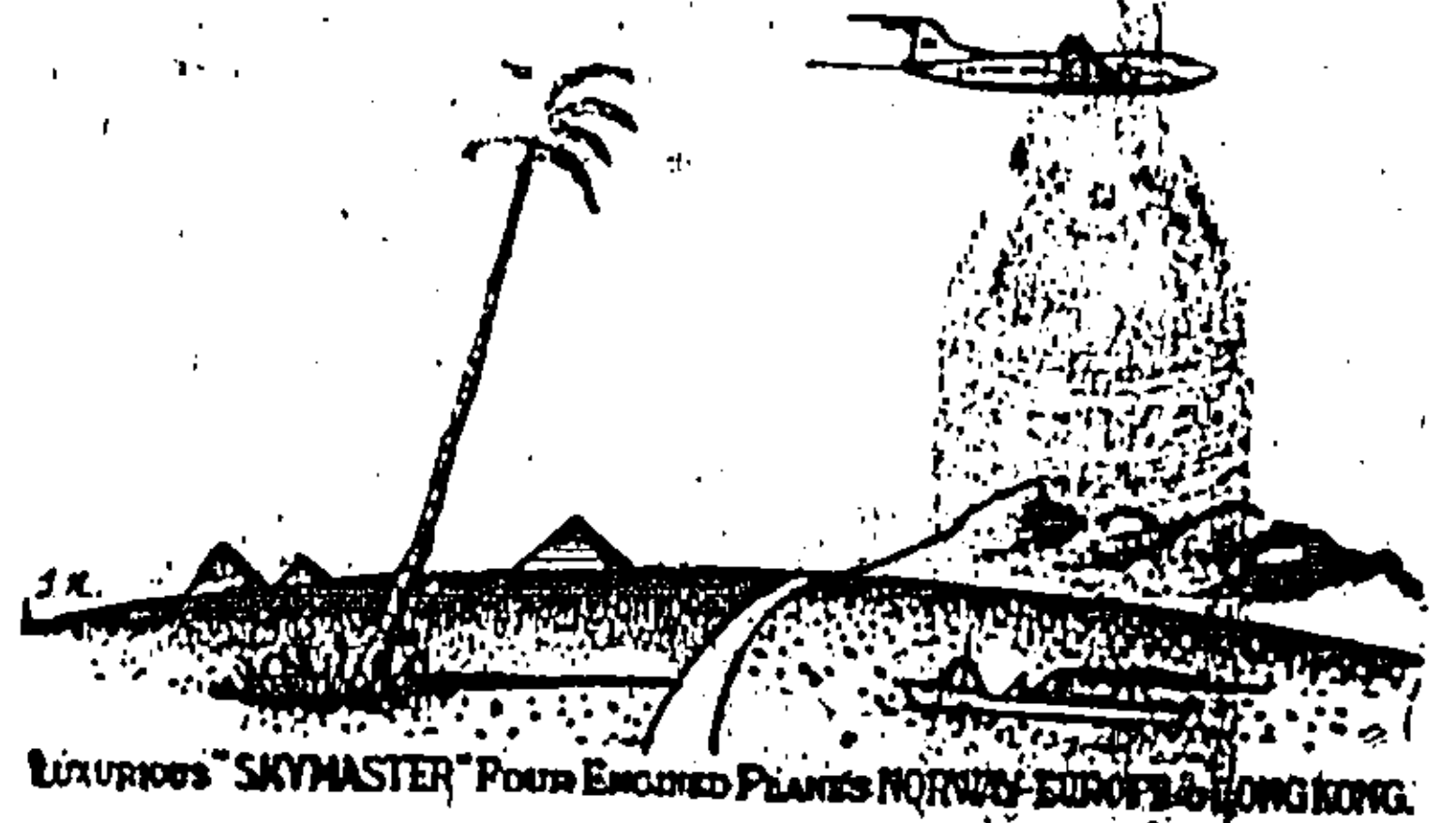
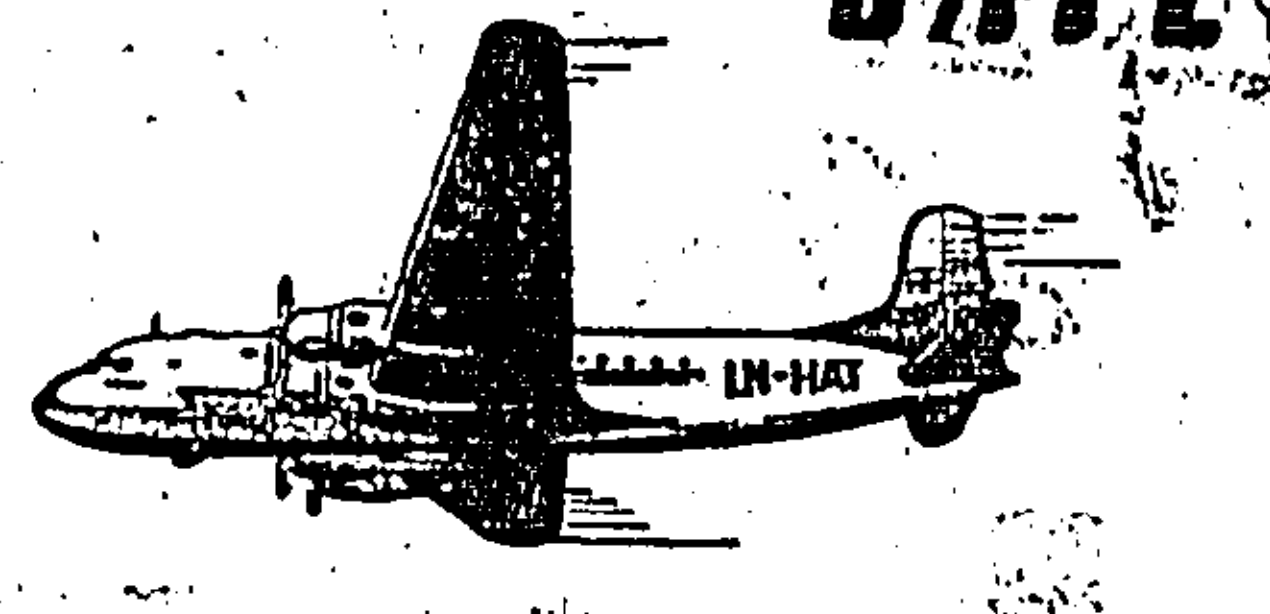
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Hallett Aband Annoys MacArthur

New York, January 9.
Look magazine says that an article claiming General MacArthur has misled the American people about the extent of Communism in Japan has brought sharp criticism from the Supreme Commander himself.

The article in the current issue of Look, written by Hallett Abend, former foreign correspondent, says MacArthur has lulled the U.S. into a false sense of security about the perilous situation in the Far East.

It cites purported Communist infiltration into Japanese labour unions. It also asserts that Russia has made propaganda use of the alleged high-handed and undemocratic methods of the Supreme Commander.

"The Communists are so strong that if war with Russia is thrust upon us, sabotage and domestic unrest will probably seriously weaken our already shaky position," Abend writes.

The magazine says MacArthur has replied in a cablegram to Gardner Cowles, editor of Look, that the article is completely unrealistic.

Look quotes MacArthur as saying that the article follows the exact line of false propaganda now being put forth almost daily by Moscow and is calculated to achieve the same purpose.

MacArthur also is quoted as saying that Abend has not been in Japan since the war and has no personal knowledge of conditions there.

Abend claims that the facts are kept from the American people by a censorship as vicious as it is effective, for which General MacArthur must be held personally accountable. — Associated Press.

HERRIOT ILL

Paris, January 9.
M. Edouard Herriot, Chairman of the French National Assembly and a former Premier, is ill with influenza. It was announced at Lyons, of which M. Herriot is mayor.—Reuter.



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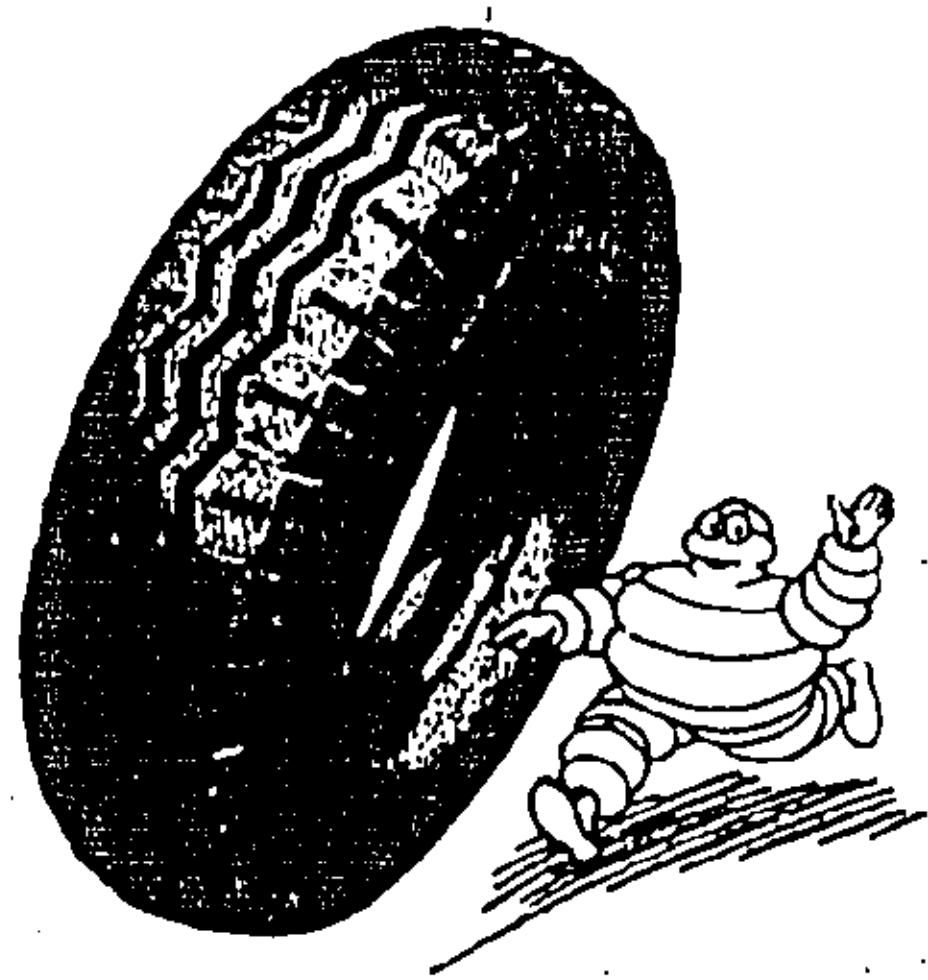
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AVERELL HARRIMAN IN BRUSSELS FOR TALKS

Brussels, January 8.

Mr. Averell Harriman, United States Marshall Plan Ambassador-at-Large, arrived in Brussels by air today from Paris for talks with the Belgian Prime Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak, Chairman of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

Mr. Harriman, accompanied by his political adviser, Mr. Philip Bensen, went to the Belgian Foreign Office for lunch with the Premier.

When he arrived, Mr. Harriman told reporters: "I intend to spend the afternoon with M. Spaak for a wide discussion on the European Recovery Programme, upon which I must shortly testify before the United States Congress."

"We will talk about the immediate situation, this year's appropriations and the long-term programmes presented to the OEEC by the participating nations."

M. Spaak said tonight that he supports a policy of demanding concessions from each of the individual 19 Marshall Aid countries for European Recovery.

Speaking to the press after an hour's interview with Mr. Harriman, M. Spaak said:

"I closely adhere to the principle of a European Recovery Programme which demands from every individual country a certain number of concessions and probably modifications in their economic policy."

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Consultative Council of the Organisation for European Economic Recovery.

A high British Foreign Office official, Mr. Roger Makin, also saw M. Spaak last night.

They agreed:

1. That the Consultative Council be convened next month on a ministerial level.

2. That the OEEC be reinforced with the view of strengthening its political leadership.

This Anglo-Belgian plan was understood to have United States support.—Reuter.

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Wants To Take Children Of Murderers

Sydney, January 8.

Alma Alexander has offered to adopt the surviving children of William and Mary Park, the Glasgow couple raprieved on Thursday after being sentenced to death for the murder of three of their five children.

Alexander, an original "Anzac," said: "Wilma (11) and Duncan (8) who survived this tragedy, should be given a chance in life. I am prepared to offer them a home and show them the kindness and consideration that society has withheld."—Reuter.

ULSTER'S STATUS: ASSURANCE GIVEN

London, January 9.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, reassured Northern Ireland Government leaders today that no change shall be made in the constitutional status of Northern Ireland without Northern Ireland's free agreement.

A separate Parliament and Executive Government were established for the six counties of Northern Ireland after the emergence of the then Irish Free State in Southern Ireland and the settlement of a border between them in 1922.

A communique announced tonight that Mr. Attlee and the Northern Irish leaders discussed the effects of Eire's recent repeal of the External Relations Act, her last link with the Crown.

Simultaneous with this meeting, delegates of the Government of Eire met British officials for talks arising from the adoption by Eire of the status of a Republic.

The Northern Ireland delegation is headed by Sir Basil Brooke, the Northern Ireland Prime Minister.

Sir Basil declined today to comment on his talks but it is believed he asked the British Government to give legal effect to its pledge not to change the

constitutional position of Northern Ireland without her consent.

He is believed to have pressed for stronger powers to prevent the entry of Eireann citizens into Northern Ireland and to bar them from taking part in her elections.—Reuter.

The Hague, January 8.

The U.S. Embassy here has received 2,000 postcards, presumably Communist-inspired, demanding the release of 12 American Communist leaders indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in New York City.

The 12 are charged with conspiracy to overthrow the Government by force.—Associated Press

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None Too Much Time Warning

Washington, January 9.

The Air Force has now 60 groups. Mr. Symington wants 70, to form the backbone of his four-year plan to gain, by 1952, supremacy in air power.

A bill to declare a 70-group Air Force as a national policy was sidetracked in Congress last June in the rush for adjournment.

In peacetime, a heavy bomber group using Superfortresses has 2,300 men and 30 aircraft, a fighter group 1,900 men and 75 planes.

War-time groups would be at least 50 per cent larger.

Mr. Symington says one of the country's critical needs is a "radar fence" warning of air attacks and direct defence.—Reuter.

Dustmen Raise A Stink

Brisbane, January 9.

Alderman J. B. Chandler, Lord Mayor of Brisbane, has declared a state of extreme emergency in the town because of a strike of dustmen for higher wages.

His action follows a warning by the health authorities that unless sanitation services are restored—more than half of Brisbane has no sewers—the city faces the danger of an epidemic.

The dispute began shortly before the New Year when new contractors took over.

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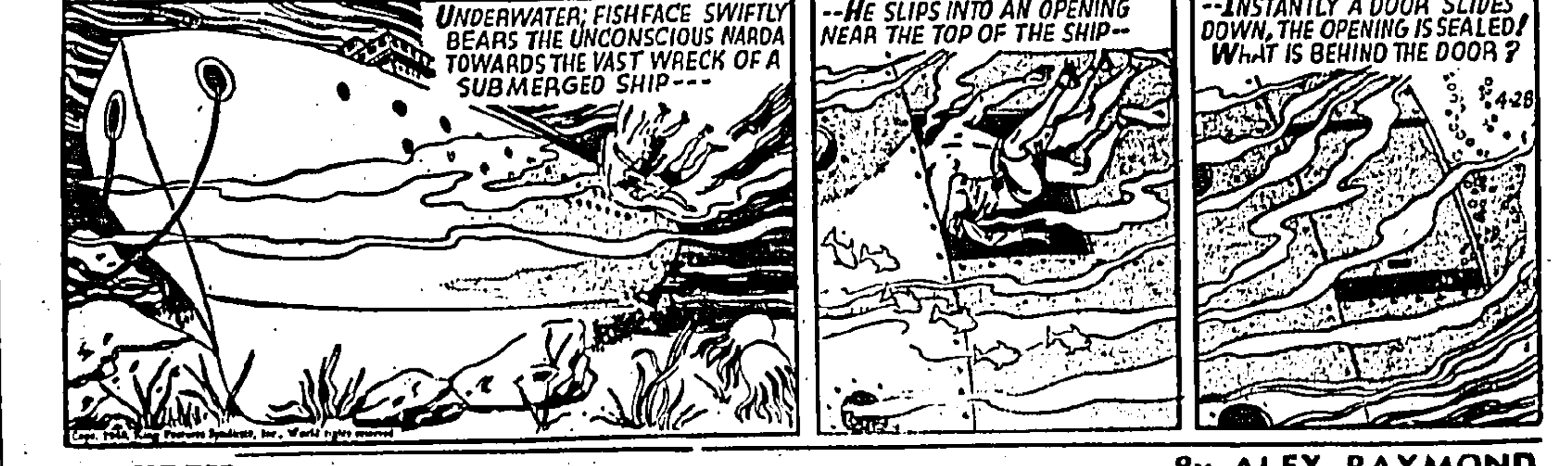
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REPUBLICS UNDER CROWN: NEW FORMULA SUGGESTED

London, January 9.

Hunt For Killer In Spectacles

Every available British policeman was mobilised today in the hunt for a pale bespectacled killer, who yesterday shot dead a 50-year-old Bristol bank manager.

The bandit escaped with over £1,000. A woman seen in a car with the bandit about an hour before the hold-up, is also "wanted". Donald Twitt, 18-year-old, who was in the bank with the manager at the time, is under protective police guard today.

Donald said that he hurried two heavy rulers at the killer. The gunman put him into a cupboard and locked him in. Donald broke out and phoned the police. Reuter.

Food Crisis In India

Singapore, January 9. India managed to feed her people during the critical months of November and December only by exhausting the meagre stocks of food held in reserve for emergency. Mr. S. T. Pann, the Indian delegate, told the South East Asia Union officers' meeting here today.

January will be another anxious month and it is essential that India receive early rice shipments, he stated.

U. Mayadun, the Burmese delegate, said Burma will have completed her 1948 food commitments by the middle of this month.

The Burmese delegate announced that Burma will ship 100,000 tons of rice this month and an increase of 10,000 tons on the original estimate.

Mr. D.G.L. Mison, Ceylon, said his country's food situation is somewhat precarious. Rice stocks are unusually low at 24,000 tons which will last only until January 23, Reuter.

He Said "Nuts" To Germans

Washington, January 9. Major-General Tony McAuliffe, that tough general who answered a German surrender demand with a curt "nuts," is going to join the army command in the Far East.

Orders issued today announced McAuliffe's transfer to Tokyo, effective late next month. He now is Deputy Director of the Army's Logistic Division, in charge of research and development.

It was McAuliffe who replied to a German demand for surrender at Bastogne with the brief, contemptuous and now historic answer. He was commander of airborne troops holding the Bastogne area against attacks when the Germans broke through the Allied lines in December 1944.

Since his return to the United States, the General has been assigned to a variety of research projects.—Associated Press.

There is reason to believe that the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, cherishes the notion of a Commonwealth based on common or interchangeable citizenship, Mr. H. V. Hodson, author of "Twentieth Century Empire," writes.

Mr. Hodson, whose book last year caused worldwide comment, discusses in "The National Review" the question of whether or not the Crown and Commonwealth can be separated.

He expounds a new formula through which, he suggests, countries like India can become republics with presidents while still remaining in the Commonwealth under the symbol of the Crown.

He writes: "Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, I have reason to believe, cherishes the notion of a Commonwealth based on common or interchangeable citizenship—and thus with unforgiveness as its essence—but built up from below rather than depending on some source or symbol of such citizenship at the top.

"Such a complex is conceivable, but it would not be the Commonwealth. I am confident that if we attempted to describe the notion, it would be described as a failure, and that if the common Crown did not exist it would have to be invented."

Mr. Hodson, who is assistant editor of the Sunday Times, asserts that if the Crown is no longer regarded as the head of the organisation which continues to be called the Commonwealth will be gravely weakened in its coherence and thus far less valuable to its members and to the world than that which had been abandoned.

"The upshot would surely be that those member nations which wished to retain the Crown and assert their attachment to it as their common sovereign would form an inner Commonwealth of their own."

"The two-level Commonwealth, which some theorists have advanced, would come into being. This is not a project that appeals."

Wise Decision

Mr. Hodson says it is significant that Pandit Nehru, on his return to India from the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference, declared that it had been agreed in London that there can not be two classes of members—a decision which he presumably endorsed.

This decision, continues Mr. Hodson, was a wise one. "For nationalism is so imperative a motive in politics, and the values of the Commonwealth are so hard to bring home in bread and butter terms on local platforms if challenged in terms of nationalism, that the drift would inevitably be from the upper level of full members to the lower level of associates or whatever they might be called."

Mr. Hodson gives three main reasons why, in his view, it is important that India, if possible, remain in the Commonwealth.

1.—"Because of the mutual interest of her citizens and ours in an economic and social life which has become intertwined in many ways."

2.—"Because it is highly desirable to forestall the attachment of India to any other group which might thus upset the world balance of power by breaking into the Indian Ocean zone."

Dangerous Conflict

3.—"Because in the long run the racial and inter-continental conflict seems to be just as dangerous to the 20th-century world as the conflict between free Democracy and Communism, and there are chances of mitigating and allaying it, perhaps solving it, within the Commonwealth, which would be lost if the latter shed its present multi-racial character."

The writer declares that enlightened Indian opinion wishes India to remain in the Commonwealth and will, he believes, be ready to accept the Crown as the head of the whole Commonwealth if that principle is presented in the right way.

"The feeling against 'English kings' in Ireland has only a fractional counterpart in India; on the other hand, there is a natural feeling for monarchy."

"What is repugnant to Indian political thought is the idea of anyone but an Indian being titular head of the Indian State, of the Crown appearing in India's internal Constitution."

"But that is not necessary to the thesis of keeping the Crown as head of the whole Commonwealth."

"Without conflicting with that principle, each member nation can have its own heads of State—the King himself (represented in the Dominions by a Governor General or, if any Dominion pleases, a President."

A Prejudice

"It is little more than a prejudice to insist that the local head of State in every Dominion must be called a Governor General and be appointed by the Crown when each Dominion has the right to choose whom it will."

Mr. Hodson declares: "What is essential is that each and every member nation should openly acknowledge the respect for the Crown as head of the Commonwealth. That is all."

He suggests that this respect can be reflected in numerous ways. Commonwealth conferences on the Ministerial level can be summoned in the name of the Crown on the advice of Ministers in the host country.

Drown In 18 Inches Of Water

Wauseon, Ohio, January 9. A farmer's wife and her two-year-old daughter drowned in 18 inches of water after they were pinned in a shallow ditch by an overturned wagonload of corn.

Victims of the freak accident were Mrs. Eugene Pontius, 27, and her daughter, Judy. Mrs. Pontius, Judy, and her son William, 4, were riding on the wagon which was being pulled by a corn picker. When her husband, who was driving the picker, came to the end of the field he swung too wide.

The wagon overturned in the ditch, trapping Mrs. Pontius and her two children. Pontius rushed the wagon enough to allow his son to crawl out.

The mother and daughter were removed later after help arrived. But they were dead.—Associated Press.

Crown's Functions

The worldwide British diplomatic and consular system can remain specifically at the service of any member nation and separately represented, and in rendering that service can put the name of the Commonwealth Crown.

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The key idea, writes Mr. Hodson, "is that the Crown should act in two capacities: as national Head of State for those member nations to which it is acceptable as such, and as head of the whole Commonwealth where one member nation acts on another's behalf or where some action concerning two or more member nations is involved."

This writer stresses that, through the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the Crown can remain the source of justice for the whole Commonwealth in all justiciable disputes among its members and in appeals allowed to go forward from the domestic courts of member countries.

Mr. Hodson concludes by saying: "If the role of the Crown in the Commonwealth is developed on such lines, our own proud allegiance need not be diminished by one tithe; on the contrary, the great and growing prestige of the Crown as head of a great Commonwealth of different nations and races will deepen and enrich our own affection and pride."—Reuter.

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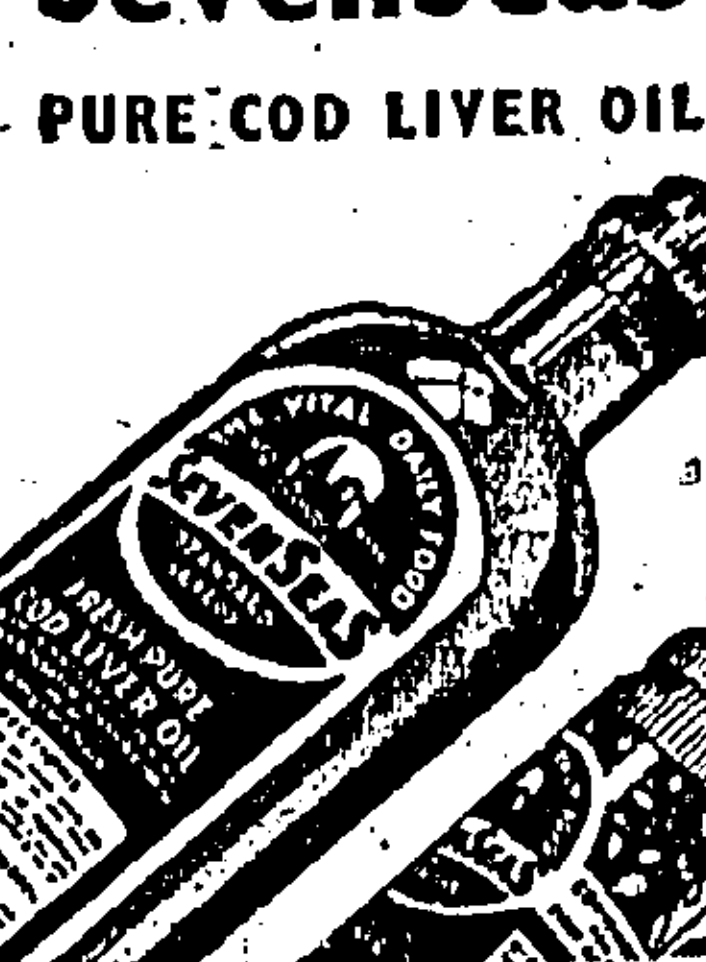
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SINGAPORE BOOMING IN SPITE
OF TERRORIST WAR IN MALAYA

Singapore, January 9.

Living in this city, there is little to show that only a few miles away, on the mainland, Malaya is fighting a battle with terrorists.

Business here is booming. The hotels, restaurants and clubs are crowded. And the Bukit Timah race course has just ended its most successful season in history.

London Shares
In New York

London, January 9.

The Evening Standard City Editor says: Security sterling in New York is making a good recovery, although the rule which forbids the switching by Americans from one group of sterling securities into another, has caused varying rates from various types of securities.

For example, the rate for British Government securities is \$1.72 per sterling. British Industrials \$1.70. Rhodesian Coppers \$1.83, while "Kafir" sterling commands \$2.00.—Reuter.

Truman's
Demand To
Congress

Washington, January 8. President Truman asked Congress today to act quickly in extending the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act until June 1951--and without hampering restrictions placed on it by the last Congress.

Under the Act, America for the past six years has progressively reduced tariffs about 50 per cent.

The Act was renewed by the Republican-dominated Congress last year for one year instead of the three years demanded by the President.

Mr. Truman, in a letter to the heads of the Committee dealing with tariffs, said early action is needed because negotiations will start in April to bring 13 more countries into the agreement.

One limitation imposed by the last Congress was a clause empowering the Tariff Commission to impose tariff cuts which might affect domestic producers.

The State Department has said that this may wreck the whole reciprocal programme.—Reuter.

SHARE VALUES
IN NEW YORK

New York, January 9. The New York Stock Exchange reports that the market value of all shares listed on December 31 was \$67,048,000,000 as compared with \$65,409,000,000 on November 30.

Stock issues listed totaled \$2,017,501,000 against \$2,010,755,000. The average value of all shares was \$33.23 against \$32.56. The total borrowings of members against stock collateral on December 31 were \$21,000,000 against \$21,000,000. The percentage of these to the market value of all shares listed on December 31 was 0.63 against 0.53.—Reuter.

GERMAN COAL
PRODUCTION

Essen, January 8. The German coal authorities announce that West German coal production for 1948 totalled 87 million tons. This is nearly 16 million tons over the 1947 figure and represents 74 per cent of the 1936 output.—Reuter.

CAR PRODUCTION

Detroit, January 9. Automotive News estimates the week's American motor vehicle production at 95,000 units compared with 79,900 last week.—Associated Press.

Pittsburgh, January 9.

Steel magazine says there appears to be little chance that supply will outbalance demand in any major steel products for months to come.—Associated Press.

"Little Man" Affected

It is the "little men" who feel the impact of the unrest most. The Chinese because the police search them. The Indians and the Malays—particularly the latter—because they are being wronged as recruits for the police force and the special constabulary.

The Europeans are not bothered at a great deal. The luxurious Tanglin Club has just had to enlarge its car park. It continues its sedate ways, except that fewer planters find the time to drop in for a week-end.

And when they do come, they gather in tight clusters, secretly talking about the situation. Raffles Hotel is packed, as it has been since the war ended, and the race course netted about \$7,000,000 in its first post-war season.

Business is booming and everyone seems to have plenty of money. The rubber companies have decided to get as much of their product down here rather than risk it in up-country guleuxes. This has resulted in a recent drop in prices, but that doesn't seem to have made much difference.

There is peace on the labour front with none of the strikes that have plagued this city since the war ended.

And this is partly due to the terrorist activity itself, for the Communist leaders of the labour unions have had to go underground—or have been arrested.

Grim Reality

But just when you have forgotten all about terrorists and the like, the grim reality of it all is brought home. One of the grey prison vans rolls past you on the street, the prisoners clinging to the wire to gaze at the city. They will have come from all parts of Malaya.

These vans are usually taking their human cargo to a ship for St. John's Island in the harbour. It is there that they are detained under the Emergency Regulations. And from there, some of the trouble-makers—those that were not born in Singapore or Malaya—may be deported back to China or wherever they come from.—United Press.

PRINCE CHARLES
ON THE RATION

London, January 9. Prince Charles, Prince Elizabeth's son, is getting the Government ration of orange juice and cod liver oil just like all the rest of the children in Britain.

The oil is free and the concentrated juice is partly paid for by the Food Ministry's Welfare Fund. Parents buy the juice for five pence per bottle.—Associated Press.

Indonesians
Selling Gold

Manila, January 9.

A parcel of 11,000 ounces of semi-refined gold bullion is reported to have been sold here on behalf of the Indonesian Government at about \$40 an ounce.

It is further reported that the Philippine Government has given permission to forward the gold to London for complete refining, after which it will be reshipped to Manila.—Reuter.

WHEAT TALKS
MEET A SNAG

Ottawa, January 9. Britain and Canada are having trouble in completing their four-year wheat contract.

Ottawa sources claim that the United States is at least partly responsible.

Under the contract Canada sold what to Britain in 1947 for US \$1.55 a bushel—far under the world price and in 1948 for US \$2.00. It is reported that they have now agreed on US\$5.00.

But there is a "catch." Britain must make up for the low prices at which Canada sold wheat at the start. In negotiating for the final year Canada and Britain intended to extend the second contract for several years. But the United States says this does not meet with the needs of the international wheat group.—Associated Press.

JAPANESE YEN
HOPES VANISH

Tokyo, January 8.

Japanese hopes that the establishment of a single exchange rate for the yen will be "cushioned" were dispelled to day when the occupation authorities announced that the Japanese Government should not give subsidies to export industries after a single rate has been fixed.

The statement points out that subsidies to the export industry may be interpreted by foreign countries as an indication of the reversion of Japan's pre-war dumping policy.

The establishment of a single yen exchange rate, strategy in effect before the end of the current fiscal year, will clear the way for a thorough-going economic recovery programme.—Reuter.

PROTESTANTS'
DECISION

Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, January 7.

Foreign mission leaders of 61 Protestant churches here tonight voted down a proposal to join seven other agencies in a super-Protestant body.

The vote, after more than six hours of debate, was 63 against merger, 51 in favour and 12 abstaining.

The mission leaders set about compiling a strategy in areas taken over by the Communists.—Associated Press.

FORD WORKERS
LAID OFF

Windsor, Ontario, January 9. Approximately 850 of 15,000 workers at the Ford Motor Company here were laid off this week because of the decline in exports which the company says is due to import and exchange restrictions.—Associated Press.

New York
Market
Bogs Down

New York, January 9.

The stock market bogged down in typically slow Saturday trading to end a week marked by the sharpest over all gain since October.

The advance amounted to a halving of something like US\$1,400,000,000 had been added during the week to the market value of all stocks listed on the New York exchange.

Saturday's business was routine and small price changes were fully expected in a market with generally steady underlies.

Of 744 issues traded 221 advanced and 231 declined.

Coca Cola was ahead of the general run of prices with a gain of more than five points at one time.

Other forward leaders were Bethlehem Steel, Willys Overland, Montgomery Ward, Westinghouse, National Distillers, Phelps Dodge, Pepsi-Cola, 20th Century Fox and Packard.

Blasted downward were Admiral Corporation, General Motors, Goodrich, U.S. Rubber, Du Pont, Allied Chemical, American Woolen, Great Northern, Chesapeake and Ohio, Union Pacific, Atlantic Coast Line and Standard Oil of New Jersey.

Dow Jones Averages: stocks 66.91; industrials 181.11; rails 54.12; utilities 54.90.

Closing list—Adams Express 19 1/2; Alaska Petroleum 8; American Can 84; American Tel. and Tel. 14 1/2; American Tobacco 61; Anacostia Copper 8 1/2; Aviation Corp. 7 1/2; Baldwin Locomotive 15 1/2; Borden 45 1/2; Bethlehem Steel 33 1/2; Boring Aircraft 23; Borden Co. 11 1/2; Chrysler 56 1/2; Cigar 31 1/2; Commercial Solvents 12; Corn Product 35 1/2; Electric Light and Power 2 1/2; General Electric 39 1/2; General Motors 40 1/2; Goodrich 44 1/2; International Harv. 27 1/2; International Paper 52; International Tel. and Tel. 9 1/2; Johns-Manville 45 1/2; Kennecott Copper 5 1/2; Montgomery Ward 54 1/2; National Distillers 21 1/2; National Lead 33 1/2; New York Central 13; Packard Motors 4 1/2; Pan-American Airways 6 1/2; Pennsylvania R.R. 17 1/2; Radio Corp. 14 1/2; Real Silk 10 1/2; Republic Steel 25 1/2; Reynolds Tobacco 25 1/2; Schenley 20 1/2; Sears Roebuck 39 1/2; Shell Oil 36 1/2; Honey Vacuum 17 1/2; Southern Pacific 40; Standard Brands 41 1/2; Standard Oil of Calif. 67 1/2; Standard Oil of Ind. 33 1/2; Standard Oil of N.J. 33 1/2; Union Carbide 41 1/2; U.S. Rubber 41 1/2; U.S. Steel 71 1/2; U.S. Lines 12 1/2; Westinghouse 25 1/2; Youngstown Sheet and Tube 74 1/2; General Public Utilities 12.—Associated Press.

SILVER AND
GOLD MARKETS

Bombay—Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas Rupees 178, Annas 00 Forward per 100 tolas no trading; Murwar (unofficial) n trading; Gold, delivered, per 100 113, 00; Forward (unofficial) n trading; Gold, Sovereign 74, 00 One tola is equal to 3/8th of a ounce.

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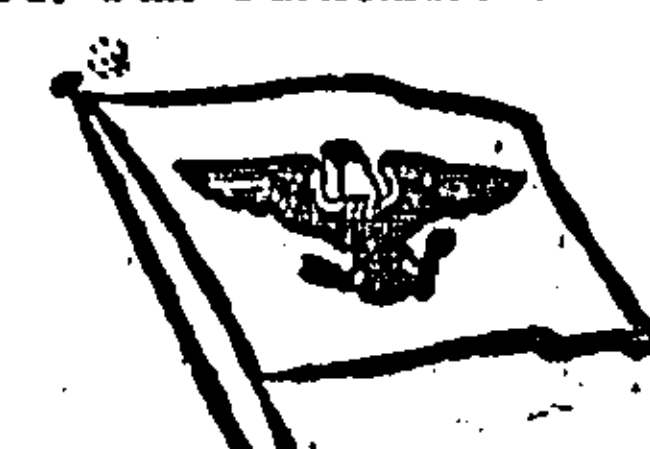
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